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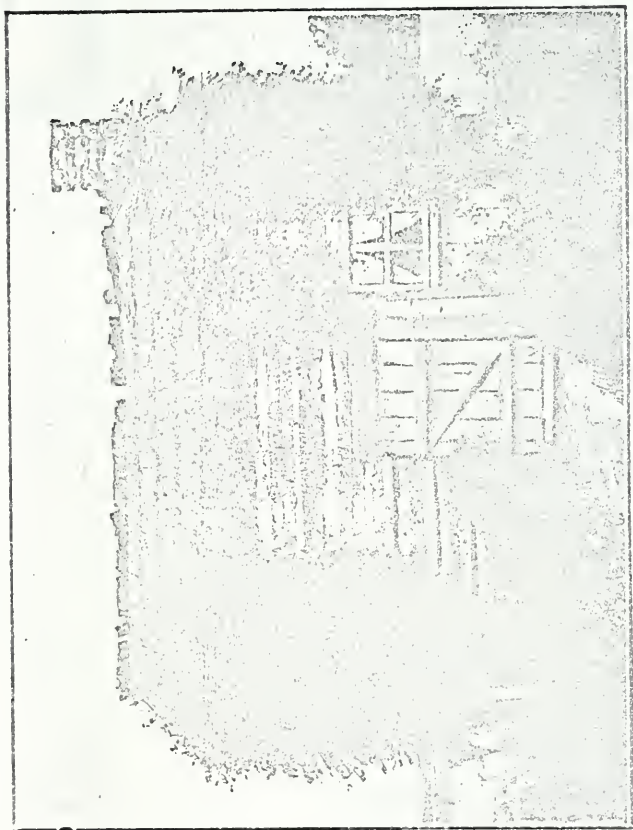
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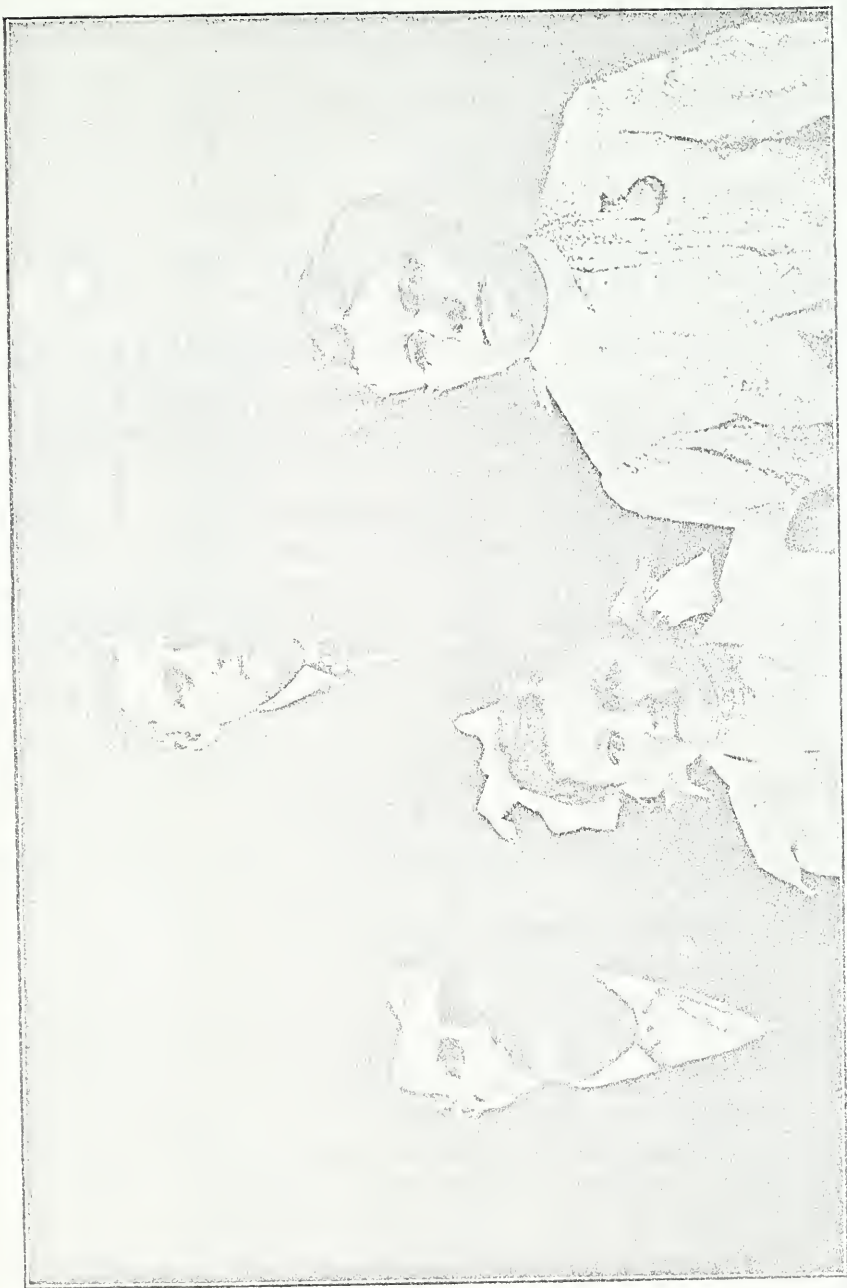
Preface

THIS humble volume is the results of mere fragments of time, covering a period of five years, and I do not claim perfection and can not hope to evade the most fastidious will find this book the eye of the shrewd critic. I believe at least entertaining. In writing this history I do so with the full knowledge that it is not complete as I would like to have it. But I shall endeavor to write this work making no attempt at romance or a great literary production, but in my own plain blunt way, will endeavor to gather some incidents that happened during the lives of our forefathers and mothers, and the many trials and hardships they had to undergo in blazing the trail and hewing the way to one of the grandest and most productive regions of the United States. Every reader of this historical sketch will think it should have been better than it is. (I think so too.)

To all those who gave me information and assistance have my sincere thanks. The time of births and deaths of some of the older people are lost and the dates given, if wrong, may be corrected at some future time. To John L. RoBards of Hannibal, Mo., Miss Lillian RoBards of Madisonville, Ky., Mrs. Ella M. RoBards of Louisville, Ky., Miss Willie Cooper RoBards of Clarksdale, Mississippi, Mrs. Bettie RoBards, Shepherdsville, Ky., and Mrs. Nannie RoBards, St Louis, Mo., I make my acknowledgments in giving me the history of the different families and to them I am under very strong obligations.

Yours truly,

JAMES H. ROBARDS.



MY FAMILY

The RoBards Family

THE history of the remote ancestry of the RoBards Family is meagre, vague and unsatisfactory. It seems clear and positive that the paternal ancestor who first came to this country emigrated from Wales, England, and who were his ancestors there is no reliable information. Tradition has it that one William RoBards, a Welchman, came to the United States and settled in Goochland county, Virginia, and there he met and married Miss Sallie Hill of the well known Hills who were kin of the Imboden and Mosby families of Virginia, and North Carolina. (We think this is a mistake.) John RoBards came to Virginia about 1710. We have a certified copy of his will dated May 20, 1755 (see his will). John RoBards probably married Sarah Hill and had one son, William RoBards, but as to the time of John RoBards' marriage we have no record and the birth of William RoBards and his marriage to his first wife little is known. But beginning with William RoBards we pass out of the domain of tradition and can trace their history with a reasonable degree of certainty up to and during the revolutionary war and down to the present time.

In the Beginning

In all this vast region of country lying east of the Mississippi river and south of the great lakes France at one time claimed a nominal ownership, until the defeat of the French in 1759, when it passed into possession of the British crown. When the war for independence came on the British agents were active in stirring up the Indians to make war on the frontier. The Kentuckians were the principal sufferers. In 1778 Patrick Henry, then governor of Virginia, sent an army to attack the British posts in the west on the Illinois river. Providence favored this enterprise. The English were expelled from the Illinois country and the vast country became a part of Virginia. In 1784 Virginia ceded to the United States all her claim northwest of the Ohio river. Various changes in the territorial government were made from time to time and state after state was admitted into the union. In June, 1792, Kentucky, then a part of Virginia, was made a state.

The town of Harrodsburg, Ky., was established June 16, 1774, by James Harrod and about forty companions who found their way down the Ohio river near where Louisville, Ky., now stands, then by land to the central part of Kentucky, now Mercer county. From the settlement of Harrodsburg in June, 1774, to the admission of Kentucky as a state in June, 1792, was eighteen years.

In 1784 Mrs. Elizabeth RoBards came to the district of Kentucky, then a part of Virginia, bringing with her a large family of children and many slaves. Her husband, William RoBards, having died in December, 1783, in Goochland county, Virginia, and made provisions in his will for expenses of her removing to Kentucky. (See will on page 14.)

John RoBards, Sr., Family

John RoBards, colonist, planter, came from Wales, England, 1710, and located in Henrico county, Va. (now Goochland county, Va.), where he died testate, May, 1755. His wife, Sarah RoBards, and son, William RoBards, survived. The following is a certified copy of his will:

WILL OF JOHN ROBARDS, SR.

In the name of God Amen I John Robards of Goochland county &c, I dispose of my estate as followeth:

Item. I lend to my beloved Wife Sarah Robards two Negros, Bury and Peter, Peter and part of my Land and likewise part of ye House and furniture as long as she continues a Widder and then to fall to my Son William Robards.

Item. I Give to my Son William Robards, two Neigros, Bristor and Bess, and the Land he now live on with all the Cattle Horses Maress Sheep hoggs and all that belongs to ye Plantation onley desier his Mother may have a liveing out of itt as long as Shee Live.

Item. I give to my Granson John Robards one Neigro boy named Sam and one hors Bridle and Sadle and one Lot of Land in A certain Town vallee. Westham, if he should die without Fair Lawfoll be-
getting then to go to his Brother William Robards.

Also I due Ordain and appint my Loveing Wife and Son my Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament Given under my hand and Seal this fift

day of Discember in ye year of our Lord God 1754.
Test.

Walter Leak

George Payne, Junr.

George Payne

JOHN ROBARDS. (Seal.)

At a Court held for Goochland County May the 20th, 1755, George Payne, Gent. and Geo. Payne, Junior, Proved this Writing to be the last Will and Testament of John Robards deceased, which was Ordered to be Recorded. Teste.

A Copy Teste

Val. Wood, Cl. Cur.

Moses T. Monteiro, Clerk.

The spelling and phraseology of the foregoing document is of interest to the present enlightened and educated generation.

William RoBards, Sr., Family

William, the only son of John and Sarah RoBards, was twice married. His first wife (probably Sallie Hill) had four children, namely, John, William, James and Jane. His first wife died in September, 1756.

1. John RoBards, Jr., married Sarah Marshall, July 9, 1772. They had three sons, William and Marshall, twins, born January 24, 1774, and John, who was born July 21, 1782, and died testate in Mercer county, Kentucky, August, 1845. He had three sons, Nathaniel, Andrew, George Madison and John Henry. Nothing further is known of this family. (See his will under Miscellaneous.)

2. William RoBards, Jr., married his first wife, Elizabeth P. Cocke, January 3, 1774, in Goochland county, Va. He married his second wife, Eliza

Lewis, September 7, 1781, in Goochland county, Va. See further record of this family.

3. James RoBards married Mary Massie, 1774. They had two sons, William and Nathaniel. Nathaniel married Mary Rodley. They had two children, one son, Willis L., a lawyer, and one daughter, Eliza, who married James Howell Wilkes and lived in Tennessee.

4. Jane RoBards married Samuel Mosby in 1773. Nothing further known of this family.

William RoBards, Sr. second wife was Elizabeth Lewis. They were married January 5, 1758. We give a synopsis of their marriage bond issued December 24, 1757:

Dec. 24, 1757. William RoBards to Elizabeth Lewis. Security George Payne, clerk Val Wood. Certificate of consent of Joseph Lewis father of Elizabeth. Witnesses Wm. Lewis, James Cocke and John Lewis. (Douglas Register.)

The children of William and Elizabeth (Lewis) RoBards were christened in St. James Northam Parish, Goochland county, Va.

1. Lewis RoBards, born December, 1758. Married Hannah Winn, daughter of James Winn. See further.

2. George RoBards, born August 5, 1760, married Elizabeth B. Sampson, 1785, daughter of Charles Sampson. See further.

3. Jesse RoBards, born April 19, 1762, married Frances Perkins, daughter of Joseph Perkins. See further.

4. Sallie RoBards, born January 25, 1765, married Capt. John Jouett. See further.

5. Joseph RoBards, born December 10, 1766.

married Nancy Harris. Lived in Breckenridge county, Kentucky. See further.

6. Elizabeth Lewis RoBards, born April 10, 1771, married Capt. William Buckner, Surveyor General of Kentucky, when it was yet a colony. They were married in Mercer county, Kentucky, and had a son, Gabriel M., and a daughter, Elizabeth L. She was the grandmother of a distinguished line, including General Simon Boliver Buckner, the Honorable Richard A. Buckner and several descendants who were members of congress. Nothing further of this family.

7. Robert RoBards, born December 7, 1773, died unmarried. See settlement of his estate in Miscellaneous.

William RoBards died testate, December, 1783, in Goochland county, Virginia. Elizabeth, his wife, died testate, May, 1805, in Mercer county, Kentucky. Following are certified copies of the wills of William and Elizabeth RoBards.

In the name of God Amen; I William Robards of Goochland county, do make this my last will & testament in manner and form following, viz:

Imprimis. I desire that my Just Debts Legacys &c. be paid by my executors hereafter named.

Item. I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Robards to be at her own disposal a Negro girl called Judah & my Sorrel Mare bought of Mrs. Lucy Wood.

Item. I lend to my s.d Wife Elizabeth as long as She remains my Widow the eleven following Negros, viz. Bob, Hampton, Patt, Peter, Frank, Anthony, Jane, Sall, Sarah, Sam & Bristol, & at her decease to be subject to the following division Viz Bob, Hampton, Patt, Sall, Frank, Sam & their future

Increase to be divided equally between Lewis, George, Jesie, Sally, Joe, Betty Lewis & Robert Robards, to them and their heirs forever; Peter, Anthony, Jane, Sarah & Bristol with their future Increase to be equally divided between the whole of my children and their heirs forever, saving that the heirs of either of them shall stand as one person, and have one share only but should either of my children by my present wife be so unfortunate as to loose the whole or any part of their Negroes which I shall hereafter give them, I then direct that such loss be made good in quantity out of the children that shall hereafter be born of the wenches lent my wife as above, but should their be no such Negroes born I desire their loss to be made good out of the s,d lent Negroes and then an equal division to take place in manner and form as above directed.

Item. I lend to my said wife Elizabeth all my Stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep & Hogs to be by her given out to her children now living or their survivors in equal proportions as may be most convenient & as their needs may require; I also lend her one Young Sorrel Mare in order to raise colts for my younger children; furthermore I lend unto my s,d wife all my household & kitchen furniture, together with the plantation utencils except such articles as I shall hereafter dispose of by will, and at her decease I give the s'd articles to my son Robert. I also give my s'd wife one feather bed & furniture to be her own choice.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my son Lewis Robards two negroes viz. Ned and Tukey, to him and his heirs forever, but should the negro Ned be so injured by a sore at present on his hand that he

would chuse another I then give the boy Anthony lent my wife and the s'd Ned to stand in the place of s,d Anthony and be subject to the same division that Anthony now is, in the clause above. I also give to my s,d son Lewis thirty pounds specie to be paid him in equal proportions by his brothers & sisters, unless it can be raised out of the estate which I choose should be done by the sale of some part of my stock. I likewise give my s,d son Lewis one feather bed & furniture.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son George Robards, two negroes viz. George & Aggy to him & his heirs forever. I also give him one feather bed & furniture and one good saddle.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son Jesie Robards two negroes viz. Bartlett & Lucy, to him & his heirs forever, with one feather bed & furniture, one good horse, saddle & bridle to be purchased by my executor if necessary.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Robards three negroes viz. Milly, Molly & Billey, one feather bed & furniture, one saddle & bridle & the colt that came of David Grantums Mare, to her & her heirs forever, if necessary.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Robards two negroes viz. Stephen & Creasy, one feather bed and furniture, one horse, bridle and saddle, to be purchased by my executors if necessary, which I give to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Betsy Lewis Robards two negroes viz. Dilse & Cynthia, to her and her heirs forever, one feather bed and furniture, one horse, saddle and bridle, to be purchased by my executors, if necessary.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Robards two negroes viz. Dick and Celia, one feather bed and furniture, one horse, saddle and bridle, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I lend to my son John Robards during his natural life one negro girl named Esther and at his decease I give the s,d negro and her increase to be equally divided amongst the children he shall have by his present wife and their heirs forever; which s,d negro I put in his possession some years ago.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son James Robards five shilling sterling & no more having heretofore given him his proportion of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Mosby one negro woman named Tab, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Robards during her natural life, four hundred acres of land in the county of Lincoln, which said land Capt. Robert Mosby bought for me of Mr. Hubbard Taylor of the county of Caroline, and for paymt. of which I have with s,d Mosby given bond for four negroes, & I do hereby direct my executors to comply with s,d purchase and take a deed in the name of my son Robert Robards for s,d land. Nevertheless my s,d wife is to have, hold, occupy & possess the same undisturbed & without impeachment of waste so long as she shall live only allowing to my s,d son Robert the privilege of settling on part of s,d land if necessity requires.

Item. I give and devise to my four sons Lewis, George, Jesse and Joseph my locations of land in that part of Virginia call'd Kentucky, containing

eighteen hundred acres, and when surveyed to be equally divided between them according to quantity and quality, to them and their heirs forever. And whereas I have a right of one moiety of fourteen hundred acres of land in the afores,d part of the country, purchased by Capt. Robt. Mosby of Henry Garrett and Thomas Johnson of Louisa county, for weh s,d land is now a law suit instituted in the general court. It is my desire whether the s,d land or moiety to the value thereof be recovered, that the same be equally divided between my afores,d sons Lewis, George, Jesse, and Joseph.

Item. I give and devise to my seven sons John, William, Lewis, George, Jesse, Joseph & Robert Robards, each their equal proportion of a treasury warrant taken in my name for six thousand acres of land, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise to my five sons Lewis, George, Jesse, Joseph & Robert Robards, an officer's right bought of Lieutenant Joseph Payne for one thousand acres of land to be equally divided according to quantity and quality, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Robards until they are free by their indentures, the service of Chesa and Patty Cousins, two mulattoes.

Item. The crop of tobacco, wheat, corn, &c. together with the fattening hogs I leave for the use of my family.

Item. After all my just debts are paid, the expense of moving my family to Kentucky and the necessary comforts of life procured for them, I then desire that all the money on hand collected from bills, bonds and open accounts, or by any other way or means whatever, be equally divided among my seven

children by my present wife and the three following children by my first wife, viz. John & William Robards & Jane Mosby.

Item. All the estate left me by the last will & testament of Joseph Lewis, senior, deceased, I give and bequeath to be equally divided between my seven children by my last wife viz. Lewis, George, Jesse, Sally, Joe, Betsey Lewis & Robert Robards and their heirs forever.

Lastly. I do constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Robards my sons William and George Robards with my friend Wm. Lewis, executors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and eighty-three.

Signed, sealed, published and
declared in presence of us.

Geo. Payne.

William Robards, (Seal)

John Lewis

Joseph Lewis, Jr.

At a court held in Goochland county Dec'r 15th, 1783, this writing was proved by the oaths of Geo. Payne, John Lewis & Jos. Lewis to be the last will and testament of William Robards, dec'd, and was ordered to be recorded. Teste, G. Payne, clerk.

A copy teste, Moses T. Monteiro, clerk.

WILL OF ELIZABETH ROBARDS

In the name of God, amen, I Elizabeth Robards of Mercer county, being of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is ordained for all to die, do make this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills heretofore by me made.

Item. I give to my son Joseph Robards my negro girl Phillis or my negro woman Judy which ever he may choose at my death, they and their increase to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son Joseph Robards my negro girl Frank now in the possession of my son Lewis Robards to him, the said Joseph Robards and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son Joseph Robards my mare and her increases, except I formerly gave to George Jouitt and including one of her colts formerly sold by my son Joseph to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son Joseph Robards two feather beds and furniture, his choice out of all my beds and furniture, but he is to have no part of the other beds and furniture after making his choice as just above said.

Item. I give to my son Jos. Robards a cow I bought of negro Ned and her increase, and a cow I received for the hire of Mary and her increase. Also one black cow now in my possession and her increase, but is to have 1-10 share of the residue of the cattle.

Item. I give to my son Joseph Robards half of my sheep and half of my hogs after taking from them his own stock and all the household and kitchen furniture and plantation and farming utensils and the fowls of every kind.

Item. I give to my son Joseph Robards all the crop of every kind growing or in my possession at my death.

Item. Geo. Robards having lent me a mare to pay for the building of the house in which I now live, the price of this after deducting from the price,

the amount of Thomas Ball account against Archibald Sampson, dec'd, but if the account cannot be obtained from Ball, Joseph Robards is to pay his brother George seventy dollars.

Item. I give to Mortimer Robards, son of Lewis Robards, a sorrel mare colt which came out of the white stray mare.

Item. I give to Gabriel M. Buckner, son of Wm. Buckner, the colt the white stray mare shall first have after the date of the will.

Item. I give to Elizabeth L. Buckner, daughter of Wm. Buckner, the white mare just spoken of.

Item. The residue of my estate of every sort after paying off the special legacies hereinbefore mentioned, including all now in my possession, in the possession of Rob Mosby, Esq., and in the possession of my brother, Joseph Lewis, I leave to be equally divided among my children or their legal heirs.

Item. Joseph Robards is to pay all the debts contracted by me from the commencement of the year 1798 to my death for and in consideration of the legacies herein given to him this 25 day of March, 1805.

her
ELIZABETH X ROBARDS.
mark

Acknowledged in the presence of Thos. T. Davis, Betty Davis, Thomas Wood, David Mosby.

I hereby appoint Joseph Robards, Geo. Robards, Lewis Robards and Jessie Robards to this my last will and testament.

Mercer County, Sct., May County Court, 1805.

This last will and testament of Elizabeth Robards, deceased, was exhibited into court and proved by

the oaths of David Mosby and Thomas Wood, two subscribing teste witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

THO. ALLEN, Clk.

A copy att. W. J. Poteet, Clk. M. C. C.

By Geo. F. Robards, D. C.

Wm. RoBards, Jr., Family.

William Robards, Jr., second son of William Robards, Sr., and his first wife, was born in Goochland county, Virginia, 1751. He was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Pleasants Coker. They were married in Goochland county, Virginia, January 3, 1774. They had two daughters, Betsy and Polly. Betsy Robards married Thomas Davis, first congressman from Kentucky. Polly Robards married a brother of Davis (name not given). After the death of Thomas Davis his widow (Betsy) married the Honorable David Floyd and had one son, Col. Robert Floyd. (See his will.)

William Robards, Jr., first wife died in 1780. He married his second wife, Eliza Lewis, in Goochland county, Virginia, September 7, 1781, and moved to Jessamine county, Kentucky, where he died testate November 18, 1823, aged 73 years, and his wife, Eliza, died February 24, 1840, in Jessamine county, Kentucky. Their children, viz.: 1. Nancy, wife of William Caldwell; 2. William Robards had two boys, William A., deceased, who was attorney general of Missouri, and John M., deceased, was a merchant at Centralia, Missouri, and married Ann Phillips, deceased. William A. Robards' children live in Missouri.

3. Susanna Robards died unmarried.

4. Rebekah Robards married Lewis Singleton and had six children, viz.; Otho, Milton, Keene, Thomas, Kittie and Henrietta.

5. Kittie Robards married three times, first to ——— Keene and had three children, viz.; Elizabeth, William R. and Gabriel M. Her second husband was James T. Harvey. One son by Harvey. After his death she married "Widower" Singleton and had two sons, Henry and Charles.

6. Otho Robards, born February 24, 1794, married Cassie Gregg (nee Pitts). She was the widow of Dr. Gregg of Scott county, Kentucky. Otho Robards died in 1868, at 74 years of age. His wife died, aged 89 years. Their children, viz.: John Milton, William Otho, Elizabeth, James H. R., Younger P., Kittie, Lewis and Jane.

William Robards, Jr., was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Enlisted May, 1778, to December, 1778. Was orderly sergeant. His captain was Nathaniel Massie. July to November, 1780, ranked as commissary under Captain Curd and Lieut. George Robards, in Colonel Lucas' command. January to August, 1781, orderly sergeant under Capt. Lewis Robards, Colonel Lucas' regiment. He was at the burning of Richmond and skirmish near James river. He was in the battle at Camden and was severely wounded by the side of his brother, Captain George Robards.

WILL OF WILLIAM ROBARDS, JR.

In the name of God, Amen, I William Robards of the county of Jessamine, and the state of Kentucky, being in low state of health but perfect mind and memory, make this my last will and testament in form and manner as followeth, to-wit: First, that

my funeral expenses is paid and after that all my just debts shall be paid. After that I give to my son, William Robards, the tract or parcel of land where he formerly lived in Jessamine county, a part of James Logan's land I purchased of him. I also give him six hundred and one acres of land in Ohio county on a branch of the Green river lying on a branch of said river called Lewis creek, deed recorded in the Nelson county clerk's office. I also give him one hundred dollars in silver to him and his heirs forever.

I then give to my daughter Betsy Floyd five dollars having given her recently one hundred dollars in silver and three hundred dollars in commonwealth paper.

I then give to my daughter Polly Davis five dollars having given her recently one hundred dollars in silver and three hundred dollars in commonwealth paper.

I then give to my daughter Nancy Caldwell one hundred dollars in silver. I then give to my daughter Rebecca Singleton one hundred dollars in silver. I then give to my daughter Kitty T. Harvey one hundred dollars in silver.

My will and desire is that my daughter Kitty T. Harvey shall live in my house as one of my family, also three children, Elizabeth, William R. and Gabriel M. Keene, as long as she remain a widow and no longer.

I then lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Robards the tract or parcel of land I now live on, and all appertaining thereto, in full possession, as long as she live and after her death I give it to my son Otho Robards to dispose of as he may think proper, by giving, selling or otherwise. I also give him one

hundred dollars in silver, to him and his heirs forever.

My desire is that my grandson William R. Keene shall have as much money out of my estate as will purchase him a likely negro boy between the age of nine and twelve years, and in case my grandson should die before he becomes to the age of twenty, it is to be divided between his sister Elizabeth and Gabriel M. Keene.

I leave my unfortunate Susanna Robards five dollars and to be supported out of my estate as long as my wife lives and after her death a good support out of my estate as long as she live, to be in care of my wife as long as she live.

I then give balance of my estate to my wife Elizabeth Robards, the following property, Old James, Rachel, Jacob, Betty, Hannah and Harvey, Young James, Bristor, Nelson, Daniel and Saul, Little James, Bill, Amanda, Eliza and child, America, Dolly and her children, Greenburry, Bob I., June, Bennet, with their increase forever, to dispose of them as she may think proper by giving, selling or otherwise.

I also give her all my household and kitchen furniture, all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, wagon and gear, blacksmiths tools and all my crop that is growing of every description and all the money that may be on hand after the above legacies are paid off, with all the money that is coming to my estate by bonds, notes, or accounts to dispose of as she may think proper.

I thought it my duty to appoint my wife Elizabeth Robards my executrix, with the assistance of my son Otho Robards as executor with her. Given under my hand and seal this twenty-sixth of July in the

year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-three (1823).

Witnesses: S. H. Woodson,
James L. Barkley
Klebur Price

WILLIAM ROBARDS.
(Seal.)

Jessamine County Ct.
December Court, 1823.

The within last will and testament of William Robards, deceased, was this day produced in court and proven by the oaths of James L. Barkley and Kleber Price, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Daniel P. Price, Clk.

A copy attest: N. R. Dickerson, Clerk,
Jessamine County Court.

Capt. Lewis Robards Family

Capt. Lewis Robards, oldest son of William and Elizabeth (Lewis) Robards, born in Goochland county, Virginia, December 5, 1758. Died April 15, 1814, in Bullitt county, Kentucky. His second wife was Hannah Winn, daughter of James Winn. They were married at Louisville, Kentucky, December 28, 1792, and to them were born the following children, viz.:

1a. Mortimer Delvin Robards, born 1794, died 1869. Married Liddie Shain, January 4, 1817. She was born June 4, 1792, died July 30, 1864. She was a daughter of William Shain, owner of the salt wells in Bullitt county.

2b. George Lewis Robards, born 1795, in Bullitt

county, Kentucky. Married Nancy Merriman, December 6, 1816.

3c. James Winn Robards, born in Bullitt county, Kentucky, 1797, died in Louisville, Kentucky, 1853. He married Rachel Shain, a daughter of William Shain, owner of the salt wells in Bullitt county. His wife and Mortimer's wife were sisters, also sisters of Squire Shain, who married Margaret Robards, a sister of James Winn and Mortimer Robards.

4d. W. J. Robards, born 1798. Married Martha Davison, April 27, 1820. (Nothing known of this family.)

5e. Alfred J. Robards, born 1800. Married Mary J. Deason.

6. Granville C. Robards, born 1802. Married Rosenand Thomas, January 5, 1826. (Nothing known of this family; any information would be thankfully received.)

7f. Robert Robards, born 1804. Married twice. First wife was Mary Champion. Second wife was Jane Grismore. They had one son, John F. Robards, who lives in Alfordsville, Indiana.

8g. Benjamin Franklin Robards, born 1806. Married Elizabeth Young, November 7, 1848.

9h. Eliza Robards, born 1809, married first husband, Alfred Phelps, and had one daughter, Marion. Second Husband, David Standford, and had two children, Margaret Anna and Franklin Standford.

10. Margaret Lewis Robards, born May 22, 1811. Married, March 10, 1829, to Squire Shain, a son of Wm. Shain, owner of the salt wells in Bullitt county, Kentucky. She died January 17, 1843. They had the following children, viz.:

1. George Hannah, born March 30, 1830.

2. Mary Braughton, born March 6, 1832.
3. Mortimer Delvin, born May 16, 1833.
4. Almira, born April 18, 1835, died June 13, 1835.
5. William Lewis, born June 1, 1836, died July 24, 1837.
6. William Braughton, born September 1, 1838, died November 11, 1906.

CAPT. LEWIS ROBARDS.

Lewis Robards, son of William Robards, Sr., by his second wife, was born in Goochland county, Virginia, December 5, 1758. Died April 15, 1814, in Bullitt county, Kentucky. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He enlisted May, 1778, as a private under Captain Nathaniel Massie. 1779 he enlisted for six months and was ensign under Capt. Massie. January 1, 1780, he served eight months as second lieutenant under Capts. Duke and Woodson and Colonel Major Thos. Amstead. January to September, 1781, was captain and was at the burning of Richmond and skirmish near James river. He was twice married (his first wife was Rachel Donaldson, of whom we speak in another place). His second wife was Hannah Winn, daughter of James Winn. He married at Louisville, Kentucky, December 28, 1792, and died April 15, 1814, in Bullitt county, Ky. Hannah, his wife, died April 16, 1818, leaving the following children: Mortimer D., George L., James W., Alfred J. and Benjamin Franklin. Capt. Lewis Robards enlisted in the revolutionary war from Goochland county, Virginia. Was at the siege of Yorktown but was discharged before the surrender. His Widow years, 1 month and 6 days.

Mortimer Robards Family

Capt. Lewis Robard's Decendants.

1a. Mortimer Delvin Robards, born 1794, died 1869. His wife, Liddie Shain, born June 4, 1792, died July 30, 1864. She was a daughter of William Shain, owner of the salt wells in Bullitt county, Kentucky. Mortimer D. Robards and Liddie Shain married January 4, 1817, and had five children, viz.: 1 Mariah Lewis, 2 Charles Shain, 3 Elizabeth, 4 William J. and 5 Thomas S.

1. Mariah Lewis Robards, born April 16, 1818. Married first husband, George Stewart, June 7, 1842. One son was born in 1843. George Stewart died in 1844. Her second husband, Alexander Botts, she married in 1858. He died in 1859. Her third husband was Dr. John L. Mason. He died in 1903. Mariah Lewis Mason died in June, 1878.

2. Charles Shain Robards, born November 17, 1819. He married Mary Bennett Combs of Louisville, Kentucky, November 25, 1851. Their children:

1a. Charles Mortimer, born 1853. Married Kate Orill, March, 1873. Their children, viz.: Joseph, Susie, John, George, Irwin, Charles and May.

2a. Lillie Lewis Robards, born April 16, 1855. Married February 13, 1873, to James H. Kerlin. Had one daughter, Mary.

3a. George Robards died unmarried.

4a. Thomas Robards died unmarried.

5a. Edmond P. Robards born September 1, 1861. Married Miss Morgan.

3. Elizabeth Robards, born March 9, 1821: - -

4. William Johnston Robards, son of Mortimer D. and Liddie (Shain) Robards, was born in Bullitt county, Kentucky, February 17, 1822. Died in Louis-

ville, Kentucky, February 19, 1905, and was buried in Cave Hill cemetery. He married Mary Shain, a daughter of Squire Shain. She was born in Bullitt county, Kentucky, March 6, 1832. Died in Louisville, Kentucky, September 15, 1898. They were double cousins and eloped to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they were married, April 21, 1856. Of this union six children were born, namely:

1. Margaret Lydia, born June 21, 1857. She married John W. May, 1908, and lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

2. William Mortimer, born December 21, 1860. Died September 24, 1866.

3. Alexander Botts, born October 9, 1862, died December 29, 1862.

4. George Stewart, born June 9, 1866. Unmarried and lives in Louisville, Kentucky. Was deputy sheriff for twenty years, and is a Democrat in politics.

5. Mary Bell, born September 11, 1868, died July 15, 1869.

6. One child died in infancy in Louisville, Kentucky.

Margaret Lydia (May) and her brother, Stewart Robards, live in Louisville, Kentucky, and to them we are indebted for a copy of the obituary of their father, William Johnston Robards.

5. Thomas Shain Robards, son of Mortimer and Liddie (Shain) Robards, was born in Bullitt county, Kentucky, January 24, 1824, died February 20, 1894. He married Anna Snapp, May, 1871. Their children are, namely: 1. Mortimer Linton, born March, 1873, died June, 1873. 2. Susan, born 1876, lives in North Dakota. 3. Maggie, born March 9, 1878. Lives in North Dakota.

Obituary of William Johnston Robards.

William Johnston Robards died at his home, 716 Twenty-seventh street, at 8:20 o'clock, February 19, 1905, after an illness of nearly a year. Mr. Robards was born in Bullitt county in 1822, and had lived in Jefferson county nearly all his life. During the greater part of his life and within a few months of his death he was actively engaged in business in Louisville.

Mr. Robards was forced to practically retire from business life last April, when he fell in the yard in the rear of his home and dislocated his hip. At the time it appeared as if he could survive but a few weeks on account of his age, but his strong constitution finally pulled him through and he rallied sufficiently to leave his bed. The improvement was not for long, however, and during the past year his death has been expected on numerous occasions, although at others he seemed to rally and total recovery seemed possible.

Three weeks ago he suffered a relapse which left him very weak, and although he was able to talk to his friends almost to the hour of his death, his condition grew weaker so rapidly the attending physicians announced that his death could not be deferred much longer. Early yesterday morning he announced that he felt much weaker and told his son, Stewart Robards, who had been watching his bedside almost constantly during his illness, that he was ready to go and felt that the end of his life was near.

Mr. Robards was born February 17, 1822, and his death took place two days after his eighty-third birthday. William Johnston Robards was born in Bullitt county, Kentucky, the son of Mortimer D.

Robards, one of the first settlers of Kentucky. His mother was also born in Kentucky, an old Indian fort on the Bardstown road serving as her birthplace. This stronghold (Fort Sullivan) was the third of its kind to be constructed in the state as a protection to early settlers from the Indians. Mr. Robards's father came to Kentucky at the close of the war of 1812, through which he served as a captain. William J. Robards moved to Jefferson county, Kentucky, in 1828 (being six years old) with his parents who settled a few miles from Louisville on the Newburg road. During his early youth he was employed on the farm with his father although occasional visits to Louisville made him acquainted with business men in what was little more than a village at that time, and as the city grew in population and business life he decided to take up his residence in the center of activity. During his life on the farm he acquired thorough business methods from men of the city, and when he entered the insurance field his business immediately prospered. During his life in the insurance business he became known for his honest, energetic dealings, and he was never found unwilling to talk upon his favorite subjects—"The prospects of the insurance business and its possibilities to a business man," even during his last illness when visited by his friends he freely expressed his views and related stories of his life.

Mr. William J. Robards was married in 1856 to Miss Mary Shain, who was also born in Jefferson county, Kentucky. She died September, 1898. He is survived by one son, Stewart Robards, and one daughter, Miss Maggie L. Robards, with whom he lived. During his life he did not become a member

of a secret organization on account of peculiar beliefs concerning such institutions. Possessed of an unusually retentive mind he had the history of Louisville and even the state at his tongue's end, and was never more pleasantly engaged than in recounting happenings and incidents of pioneer days of Louisville and Jefferson county. He spent his entire life about Louisville and saw it grow from a small village to a populous city. He could tell interesting stories of pioneer citizens, of the onward move of civilization in Kentucky and found interesting pastime in reading and criticising the numerous histories touching upon pioneer times in the state.

His grandfather, who was William Shain, once owned most of the land on which Louisville is built, and Mr. Robards recently told of a deal between his grandfather and a man named Glass, by which Mr. Glass became the owner of the land on which the block on Jefferson street between Second and Third is built, the consideration being two side saddles for Mr. Shain's two daughters. William J. Robards knew personally all the older citizens of Louisville, and was highly esteemed by all of them. He presented Co. R. T. Durett with his wedding boots, was a warm personal friend of George D. Prentice, the late W. N. Haldeman and all the older citizens whose lives with his own were linked closely with the history of Louisville and Jefferson county.

The funeral was held in the afternoon of February 21, 1905, at Christ Church Cathedral of which he was a member. His body was buried in Cave Hill cemetery.

From the Louisville Herald of October 16, 1904,

we copy a short item of William J. Robards during his sickness:

William J. Robards, a pioneer of the city of Louisville, and a member of one of the most prominent families of Kentucky, is a grandson of Capt. Lewis Robards. Capt. Robards was the first husband of Rachael Donaldson, a belle of the early days of North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee, who afterward became the wife of General Andrew Jackson. She was the woman with whom Jackson, when but twenty-four years of age, long before he became famous as a soldier and statesman, eloped from the home of her husband's mother and whom he married. Historians say Mrs. Jackson's first marriage was an unhappy one, that she was superior to her environment, and that she abandoned the home of her husband in Kentucky and sought solace at the home of her mother in Tennessee near Nashville. These statements, the records of the courts and traditions of the Robards family do not verify, and William J. Robards, though prostrated with illness that may prove fatal and bearing heavily the weight of eighty-four years, becomes indignant whenever the subject is mentioned. He vehemently denounces Jackson for despoiling his ancestor's home and severely criticises historians who, in order to shield from a crime of his youth, the man who later became president of the United States, have placed his grandfather and family in a false position before posterity. "Andrew Jackson despoiled my grandfather's home, stole his wife and married that woman two years before a divorce had been obtained," exclaimed Mr. Robards with emphasis, "and this after receiving the hospitalities of my grandfather's home. My grandfather

was one of the highly esteemed men of his time in Kentucky, and his family was one of the most prominent in the territory, equal to, if not better, than that of the woman to whom he first married.

George Lewis Robards Family

2b. George Lewis Robards, son of Capt. Lewis and Hannah Robards, was born 1795. Was in the war of 1812. At New Orleans, during the battle, he received a severe wound by having a bayonet run through his right leg and afterward he walked to his home in Bullitt county, Kentucky. George L. Robards married Nancy Merriman December 6, 1816. They had the following children: Louis, Frank, Thomas, Mary Jane and Alfred Olan, born May 10, 1825.

Alfred O. Robards, son of George L. Robards and youngest child, was born May 10, 1825. He married Hulda Powell in 1848. They had two boys, George William and Othway.

George William Robards, born July 29, 1849. Married Katie Beauchamp, June 12, 1877. They have three children: Frances, married Charles Wetherell, October 6, 1904; Louisa, married William D. Gardner; and George Alfred, his only son. George William Robards is now and has been in the harness, leather goods and hardware business 41 years in his home town of Harrodsburg, Mercer county, Kentucky. He is Democratic in politics.

James Winn Robards.

3c. James Winn Robards was the third son of Capt. Lewis Robards (of Revolutionary fame). James W. Robards married Miss Rachel Shain, a daughter of William Shain, owner of the salt wells

in Bullitt county, Kentucky. They moved to Louisville and lived there all their lives and raised a large family. James W. Robards died in Louisville in 1853. His wife, Rachel Robards, died in Louisville in 1887. To them were born seven children, four boys and three girls, namely: 1 Squire S., 2 Lewis, 3 Jacyntha, 4 Mary T., 5 James M., 6 Franklin E., and 7 David-anna.

1. Squire S. Robards, born January 19, 1825. Married twice. First wife was Miss Martha Johnson of New Albany, Indiana. She died in 1852. Had two children, Maria and James Winn Robards, Jr. In 1863 he married Elizabeth Bache of Louisville, Kentucky, a descendant of Benjamin Franklin. They had four children as follows: Jacyntha, Rachel, Estella and Marshall. Squire S. Robards was captain of Fourth Kentucky Calvary, Company C, during Civil war. Was in Mexican war also.

20. Lewis Robards, Jr., born in Louisville in 1825. Married Kathrine Grable of Louisville, and had the following children, viz.: Lewis Monroe, Lelal, George and Robert. This is Capt. Lewis Robards of the fire department of Louisville, as noted in another place. He was a soldier in the Mexican and Civil wars. He died in 1891 at Louisville, and his wife, Kathrine (Grable) Robards, died in 1894 at Louisville.

3. Jacyntha Robards, born in Louisville, August 28, 1827. Married twice. First husband was William Rousseau, a brother of General Lovell H. Rousseau. Second husband was Pat. Campion of Louisville. He died in 1895. She died in 1889 and had no children.

4. Mary T. Robards, born in Louisville in 1839.

Married George Fletcher of Baltimore, Maryland. Both deceased. They had six children, namely, Robert, Frank, Fannie, Captola, George and Harvey.

5o. James Mortimer Robards married Elizabeth McKama of Newhaven, Kentucky, and to them were born the following children, viz.: 1 Franklin, 2 Peter, 3 Anna, 4 Elizabeth, 5 James F., 6 John, 7 Margaret, 8 Thomas L., 9 William E., and 10 Mary Ann.

6x. Franklin E. Robards, born in Louisville, June 11, 1844. Served in the Civil war, First Sergeant Fourth Kentucky Cavalry, Company E. After the war he married Miss Ella M. Highfield of Newcastle, Kentucky, on December 22, 1869. Had two children, Etta B. and Arthur F., both deceased. Franklin E. Robards died in 1900, and his wife, Mrs. Ella M. Robards, lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

7. Davidanna Robards, born in Louisville, Kentucky, December 14, 1848. Married Peter Highfield of Newcastle, Kentucky, in 1885. Had one child, Anna. Davidanna (Robards) Highfield is the only one of the old family living.

Franklin E. RoBards Family

6x. Franklin E. Robards, son of James Winn Robards, was born June 11, 1844, in Louisville, Kentucky. Died July 28, 1900, in Louisville. Miss E. M. Highfield, born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, October 27, 1850. Franklin E. Robards served in the Civil war as Sergeant Fourth Kentucky Cavalry, Company E. After the war he married Miss Ella M. Highfield of Newcastle, Kentucky, December 22, 1869. Had five children, all dying in infancy except two, Etta Band and Arthur F.

1 Etta Band Robards, born in Louisville, Kentucky, December 12, 1871. Died January 6, 1891, in Louisville. She was married to Frank B. Hillerich, June 28, 1893. To them two children were born, Elmo Band and Virginia R., aged respectively fifteen and seven years.

2. Arthur F. Robards, born January 3, 1875. Was an architect by trade. He was drowned in the Ohio river at Louisville while bathing September 14, 1903. Was unmarried.

6x. Franklin E. Robards was a carpenter by trade and in politics was a Republican.

(By Mrs. Ella M. Robards, Louisville, Ky.)

The Courier-Journal of Louisville, January 27, 1891, says of him (Capt. Lewis Robards, Jr.):

Incident in "Old Hickory's" career recalled by 20. Capt. Robards, Jr., death. His ancestor, the man from whom Andrew Jackson took his youthful wife.

The funeral of Capt. Lewis Robards, Jr., took place from the Broadway Baptist church at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The remains were attended by his Grand Army comrades and Clay Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, of which he was a charter member and therefore one of the oldest members of that order in the city. Capt. Robards belonged to a notable Kentucky family, whose ancestors came from Wales and settled in Goochland county, Virginia, and one of his ancestors, his grandfather, also Captain Lewis Robards, was intimately connected with a romantic incident in the history of no less a personage than Gen. Andrew Jackson, before he became president of the United States. In fact the Capt. Lewis Robards of the olden time was

"Old Hickory," then a young man twenty-four the husband of the fair Rachael Donaldson whom years of age, first stole away and afterward married. Rachael was childless. She died after Jackson's election to the presidency but before his inauguration. It is written that he was extremely sensitive in regard to her, loving her devotedly, and fought for her good name. It was for speaking of her that he fought his celebrated duel with Dickenson, the young lawyer, and killed him, an act which he is said to have regretted to his dying day.

Capt. Lewis Robards, Sr., was the grandfather of the estimable man (Capt. Lewis Robards, Jr.) who was buried yesterday (January 26, 1891). Was born in Louisville, November 6, 1825, married on September 24, 1848, Miss Cathrine E. Grable, daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Grable. The funeral was held in the Baptist church, which once stood at the corner of Fifth and Green streets.

Capt. Lewis Robards, Jr., was, in addition to being a veteran of the Mexican war, a veteran of the late war. He was also a member of the old volunteer fire department, belonging to Hope Company No. 4. After the introduction of the steam engine he drove the No. 2 hook and ladder truck for a number of years. His death removes an upright man and a good citizen.

James Winn RoBards Family

3c. James Winn Robards, the third son of Capt. Lewis Robards, was born in Bullitt county, Kentucky. Married Miss Rachel Shain, a daughter of William Shain, owner of the salt wells in Bullitt county. They moved to Louisville and lived there

all their lives and raised a large family. James Winn Robards died in Louisville in 1853. Rachel, his wife, died in Louisville in 1887. To them were born seven children, four boys and three girls, namely: 1 Squire S., born January 19, 1823; 2 Lewis, born November 6, 1825; 3 Jacyntha, born in Louisville, August 28, 1827; 4 Mary T., born in Louisville in 1830; 5o James Mortimer, born February 5, 1841; 6 Franklin E., born in Louisville, June 11, 1844; 7 Davidanna, born in Louisville, December 14, 1848.

Squire S. RoBards Family

1. Squire S. Robards, born January 19, 1823. Married twice. First wife was Miss Martha Johnson of New Albany, Indiana. They had two children, Maria, born August 31, 1848. Unmarried and lives in Louisville. James Winn born in Louisville, November 25, 1846. Unmarried and was killed by the cars in St. Louis, Missouri, January, 1878, while working as brakeman.

Squire S. Robard's first wife died in 1852. In 1853 he married Elizabeth Bache of Louisville, a descendant of Benjamin Franklin. They had four children: 1 Jacyntha, born in Louisville, December 14, 1853. Married first husband, Lewis Vaughn. Had two children, George and Estella. Second husband, ——— McCarty. Had no children. This family lives in Jeffersonville, Indiana. 2. Rachel, born in Henryville, Indiana, May 20, 1859. Married Wiley Christy. Have three children, Maud, Willie and Wiley. This family lives in Jeffersonville, Indiana. 3. Estella, born in Henryville, Indiana, March 19, 1861. Married Thomas McCarty. Have three children, Edwin, Etley and Lellah. This fam-

ily also lives in Jeffersonville, Indiana. 4. Marshall, born in Henryville, Indiana, September 25, 1869. Married Mary McCarthy. Have four children, namely, Charlie, Gertrude, Richard and George. All live in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Squire S. Robards was captain of Fourth Kentucky Cavalry, Company C, during Civil war. Was in the Mexican war also. His brother, Lewis, also served through the Mexican and Civil wars with him. Was also captain.

Lewis Robards Family

20. Lewis Robards, second son of James Winn Robards, was born in Louisville, Kentucky, November 6, 1825. Married Catherine E. Grable of Louisville, September 24, 1848. Had four children, viz.: 1a Lewis Monroe, married Catharyn Shepherd Moore of Pennsylvania. 2 Lelah, unmarried. 3 George, married Josephine Volker in 1878. Had three children, viz.: Josie, John and Nancy. 4 Robert, married Nancy Canfield in 1875. (This is Capt. Lewis Robards of the fire department of Louisville, as noted on another page.)

Lewis Monroe Robards Family

1a. Lewis Monroe Robards, born in 1849. Married Catharyn Shepard Moore of Pennsylvania, 1871. To them were born four children: 1 Marion Addison, born in Louisville, Kentucky, August 21, 1873; 2 Bertha O., born in Louisville, Kentucky, December 2, 1875; 3 Lelah, born in Louisville, Kentucky, July 7, 1876; 4 Julien Dudley, born in Louisville, Kentucky, 1878, died unmarried, aged twenty-six years.

1. Marion Addison Robards, born in Louisville, Kentucky, August 21, 1873. Married, July 10, 1897,

to Carrie Spears. Divorced July 11, 1907. Had three children, namely: 1 Marion Robert, born July 16, 1899; 2 William Jennings Baird, born November 16, 1901; 3 Donovan Addison, born February 4, 1902. His second marriage was to Miss Bertha Adelaide Stewart of Toronto, Canada, August 15, 1908. He lives in Louisville, Kentucky, and was a candidate for alderman on the Democratic ticket in the city election of 1909.

2. Bertha O. Robards, born December 2, 1875. Married to Algernon D. Forsyth, October 25, 1899. They were both born and married in Louisville, Kentucky. Have two children, Mary Katherine, born November 18, 1902; Darwin Monroe, born September 18, 1906. They live in Ashland, Kentucky.

3. Lelah Robards, born in Louisville, Kentucky, July 7, 1876. Robert Sterling Grable, born in St. Louis, Missouri, September 8, 1871. They were married February 12, 1894, and live in St. Louis, Missouri. Have no children.

4. Julian Dudley Robards, born 1878, died, unmarried, aged twenty-six years.

James Mortimer Robards Family

50. James Mortimer Robards, son of James Winn Robards, born February 5, 1841, in Louisville, Kentucky. Married Elizabeth McCanna of Newcastle, Kentucky, in 1862. To this union were born ten children, viz.:

1. Franklin Robards, born April 19, 1864, in Newcastle, Kentucky. Married Bessie Sibert. Had five children, viz.: Frank, Margaret, Bessie, Mary and Elizabeth L. Robards.

2. Peter J. Robards, born May 26, 1866, in Newcastle, Kentucky. Died July 5, 1891. His wife wa

Katie Songster. Had three children, an infant, Earl and Peter all deceased.

3. Anna Robards, born in Jeffersonville, Indiana, August 16, 1869. Deceased.

4. Elizabeth Robards, born in Jeffersonville, Indiana, September 20, 1871. Married Elias Travis of Mobile, Alabama. Had one child who died in infancy.

5. James Frances Asbury Robards, born in Jeffersonville, Indiana, December 1, 1873. Married Katie Krops. Have three children, Herbert D., James and Joseph.

6. John Robards, born in Jeffersonville, Indiana, October 13, 1876. Married Pearl Rutledge. Have four children, John, Frances, James and Edith.

7. Margaret S. L. Robards, born in 1878. Deceased.

8. Thomas Laverne Robards, born in 1880. Deceased.

9. William Edmund Robards, born in Jeffersonville, Indiana, September 22, 1883. Married Rosa Hammond and have one child, Elizabeth. Lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

10. Mary Ann Robards, born in Jeffersonville, Indiana, June 22, 1885. Married Marshall Bouvier November 10, 1906. Have one child, Marshall Raymond. Lives in Louisville.

Obituary James M. Robards.

James Mortimer Robards, born February 5, 1841, in Louisville, Kentucky. Was yard master and wreck boss on the Louisville Southern Railroad. He worked at railroading from youth up to the time of his death, which occurred February 10, 1885. He was called upon to go and dress a wreck at one

o'clock a. m. at Little Blue River in Crawford County, Indiana, and while at work between the cars, getting them upon the track, the snatch block from the heavy pull upon it gave way, striking him a mortal blow upon the head, killing him instantly. The accident happened about three o'clock a. m. He was buried in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Every mark of attention and respect was shown his body by his neighbors and friends and the employes of the Louisville Southern road. He was held in the highest esteem by officers and men. He was a strict member of the Catholic Church, and the church and priest rendered every religious service within their power to bestow. He was forty-four years old at the time of his death, and a good wife and nine children were left, the oldest being nineteen years of age. He was employed as yard master and wrecking boss of the road about two years. At the same time of the accident a brakeman, name not known, had a leg broken and four other persons working at the wreck were knocked down but not seriously hurt. James M. Robards is reported to have been a most excellent man and thoroughly acquainted with his duties. His wife, Elizabeth (McCanna) Robards lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

Alfred J. Robards' Family.

5c. Alfred J. Robards (page 23), son of Lewis Robards and wife, Hannah, was born in Bullitt county, Kentucky. Died in Bullitt county, Kentucky, June 5, 1854. His wife was Mary Dacon, a daughter of James A. Dacon. She died July 27, 1887. They were married in 1836. Had children, viz.:

1. Joe Anna W. Robards, born July 8, 1838.

married Clint C. Weller, November 12, 1857. Their children, viz.: J. E. Weller, born October 24, 1860. Married Lizzie Dawson, May 4, 1899. Ophelia Weller, born July 14, 1862; died July 18, 1862. Hellen V. Weller, born May 25, 1865; married George H. Bradbury, March 3, 1886. W. R. Weller, born January 11, 1867; married Fronie Masden, December 25, 1888. Lillie F. Weller, born April 15, 1868; married W. W. Stallings, May 1, 1896.

2. Eliza Robards, born September 1, 1842; married Nathan Ridgway, June 16, 1870. He died August 5, 1888. Their children, viz.: Vallie R. Ridgway, born June 17, 1872; she married Claud F. Jones, August 3, 1896; he died December 14, 1897; she married W. A. King, January 1, 1901. Roxie E. Ridgway, born October 17, 1874; married John W. Floyd, September 11, 1895. Ada Rebecca Ridgway, born March 28, 1878; married Samuel Orms, December 26, 1901; Jesse Owen, born May 4, 1880; married Mattie Stallings, December 26, 1901.

3. Rebecca Robards, born October 4, 1844; married Milton Ridgway. Have no children.

4. Margaret L. Robards, born June 9, 1847; married John L. Jackson.

5. Mary E. V. Robards, born July 12, 1849, married C. W. Ridgway, October 4, 1866. To them were born five children, viz.: Maggie Nora Ridgway, July 12, 1867. She married Kirby S. Simmons, May 11, 1887. She died in 1895. Mary Jane Ridgway, born August 15, 1869; married Louis C. Stallings, August 10, 1893. James Alfred Ridgway, born April 25, 1872; married Mrs. Maggie Trigg, February, 1900. Nolia M. Ridgway, born February 21, 1877; married Lee W. Harris, September 11, 1907. Ella M. Ridgway,

way, born January 20, 1880; married C. A. Bishop, December 19, 1900. Have one daughter, Inez. Mary E. V. Ridgway died August 25, 1892, and after her death C. W. Ridgway married Eliza Ridgway, August 29, 1893, this being the second marriage for both parties. They live in Shepherdsville, Kentucky.

6. William Huston Robards, born February 28, 1851. Unmarried.

7. John Franklin Robards, born December 4, 1853; married Lizzie Gravens. Have no children.

This family are all Democratic in politics.

(By Mrs. Ella M. (Ridgway) Bishop.)

Robert RoBards' Family.

7f. Robert RoBards, born 1804. His first wife was Mary Campion (page 23). Had three sons, 1x Robert Lewis; 2x Joseph; 3x William; one daughter 4x Rachel.

1x Robert Lewis RoBards, born 1842; died in Louisville, Kentucky, November 4, 1894, aged fifty-two years. He married Margaret McAllen, April 1866. To them were born seven children:

1. Robert S. RoBards, Jr., died, aged ten.
2. Mary Elizabeth died aged seven months.
3. Binnie RoBards, unmarried, lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

4. Patricia RoBards married Lewis " " lives in Louisville. Have four children, Leah, Estelle, Lewis S. and Patrecia.

5. Estelle RoBards, single, lives in Kentucky.

6. Martin John RoBards, born in Kentucky. Married Mamie Arlington. Have two children, Adda C. and Margaret. Lives in Kentucky.



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7. Keron Thomas RoBards, born in Louisville, Kentucky. Married Elizabeth Bossy. Have three children, namely, Lewis, Viola and Edwin. All live in Louisville.

2x. Joseph RoBards' first wife was Maretta Headly. Had three children, viz.: Joseph, Wade and Leonard. His second wife was Miss ——— Conley. Have one child, Grace.

3x. William RoBards died unmarried.

4x. Rachel A. RoBards died unmarried.

7f. Robert RoBards' second wife was Jane Grismore, married 1846. Had one son, John F., born in Louisville, Kentucky, May 27, 1847. John F. RoBards and Louisa Marklin were married March 4, 1870. Have five children, viz.:

1. Maude B. RoBards, born December 5, 1872, died August 2, 1897. She married J. W. Collins, January 7, 1891. Had four children, viz.: Blanche, born October 17, 1892; Allen, born December 11, 1894, died July 13, 1895; Horace, born January 11, 1896; Mabel, born June 17, 1897, died August 23, 1897.

2. Huldry May RoBards, born August 3, 1871. She married H. M. Moore, December 17, 1896. Have four children, viz.: Herbert, born July 25, 1897; Raymond, born June 19, 1899; Ruth, born February 2, 1902; Nellie, born November, 1904.

3. Robert Austin RoBards, born January 1, 1876. Unmarried.

4. Florida N. RoBards, born January 21, 1877. Married L. M. Allen, November 8, 1900.

5. Rett A. Robards, born October 11, 1886. Unmarried.

John F. Robards is a Republican in politics and lives in Alfordsville, Indiana.

Benjamin Franklin Robard's Family.

8g. (Page 23.) Benjamin Franklin Robards, son of Capt. Lewis Robards and wife, Hannah, was born in Bullitt county, Kentucky, in 1806; died testate in Jefferson county, Kentucky, March 10, 1856, aged fifty years. He married Elizabeth Young, November 7, 1848. She was born in 1828, died in 1876, aged forty-eight years. To them were born three children, viz.: Medora, born July 2, 1850, died August 25, 1851; John Douglas, born January 20, 1852, in Jefferson county, Ky.; William Blair, born December 3, 1853, in Jefferson county, Kentucky.

John Douglas Robard's Family.

John Douglas Robards, born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, January 20, 1852. Married Linnie L. Williams, March 16, 1875. To them were born eight children, namely:

1. Emma W. Robards, born February 28, 1877. She married J. J. Blankenship, April 4, 1900. Have one son, Joseph Jordon.

2. William G. Robards, born October 12, 1877. He married Sadie B. Murphy, December 6, 1897. Have three children, viz.: Elinor Lamar, born September 7, 1901; Emmett W., born October 10, 1902; and Lillian Louise, born January 2, 1909.

3. Emmett F. Robards, born January 8, 1891. Married Mayme E. Rogers, November 13, 1901. Have one daughter, Ruth E., born July 9, 1902, died 1903.

4. Sarah V. T. Robards, born September 1, 1893. Married William T. Whitman, June 27, 1900. Have one son, William Thomas, born May 14, 1907.

5. Frank Robards, born April 10, 1887. Married Mary B. Hundley, February 24, 1909.



BETIE W. ROARDS

Shelbourn, Ky.



BLAIR ROARDS

6. Laura T. Robards, born October 14, 1889. Single.

7. Douglas K. Robards, born March 6, 1894. Single.

8. Lamar Robards, born June 15, 1898. Died November 10, 1899. This family lives near Shepherdsville, Kentucky.

2. William Blair Robards, born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, December 3, 1853. Married Bettie Williams, December 20, 1882, in Nelson county, Kentucky. Have no children. She was born in Bullitt county, Kentucky, November 20, 1841. Graduate of Stewart Female College at Shelbyville, Kentucky, in June, 1865. Have lived a busy life. They live near Shepherdsville, Kentucky. Are in the merchandise business. To her I am under obligations for the genealogy of the Benjamin F. Robards family and descendants. Also the Eliza Robards family continued from page twenty-three. Wm. Blair Robards and his brother, John Douglas Robards, are Democratic in politics.

Eliza Robard's Family.

9h. (Page 23.) Eliza Robards, born 1809, in Bullitt county, Kentucky, died January 11, 1845. Married Alfred Phelps. Had one daughter, Marion Alfred Phelps, born October 5, 1833, died January 1, 1904. Married William Davis of Nelson county, Kentucky, 1852. They had two children. Joseph S. Davis, mayor of Columbus, Kentucky, 1909. He married Sallie McDonal of Columbus, Kentucky; have no children. The other child, Anna Davis, married Alpheus T. Sabin of New York. Have no children.

Alfred Phelps died in 1833. Eliza Robards Phelps

married David Standiford in 1835. They had five children; three died in childhood, two lived to be grown. Frank Standiford, born May, 1838, was killed in the Southern army December 28, 1863, at Charleston, Tennessee. He was fourth sergeant, promoted to first sergeant. Margaret A. Standiford, born October 27, 1836. Married Thomas Milton Beeler, June 21, 1855. To them were born eleven children: nine lived to manhood and womanhood.

1. John D. Beeler, born April 10, 1856; died November 2, 1874.

2. William H. Beeler, born August 21, 1857. Was twice married, first to Rosa Lentsch of Louisville, Kentucky, December 22, 1881. She died September 11, 1882, leaving one child, Edna Lee, born October 11, 1882. He married Minnie Cochran of Bullitt county, Kentucky, November 28, 1895. Have no children.

3. Andy B. Beeler, born February 5, 1859.

4. Bettie Beeler, born October 1, 1860; died February 5, 1885.

5. Ida J. Beeler, born April 2, 1862.

6. Thomas M. Beeler, born July 6, 1865. Married Grace Lyon, a daughter of Gen. H. B. Lyon, of Eddyville, Kentucky, June 15, 1898. He died November 30, 1901, in Jefferson county, Kentucky, aged 36. Had no heirs. He had been a resident of Louisville for fifteen years. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. For eleven years he had been employed as traveling salesman by the grocery firm of Johnson Bros., of Louisville, and was accounted one of the best and most reliable commercial travelers going out of Louisville.

7. Margaret Beeler, born August 1, 1868. Mar-



WILLIAM DAVIS, DEC.



MARION (PHILIPS) DAVIS, DEC.

Nelson County, Ky.



MARGARET STANDFORD BEELER



THOMAS M. BELLER, DEC.

ried Samuel C. Bell of Bullitt county, Kentucky, October 30, 1895. Have one child, Julian S., born December 6, 1896.

8. Dr. Henry P. Beeler, born May 2, 1873. He lives in Lafayette, Louisiana.

9. Standiford E. Beeler, born March 27, 1879, married Anna O. Krauth of Louisville, Kentucky, February 5, 1908. Have one child, Margaret Frances, born March 7, 1909.

Margaret A. (Standiford) Beeler, born October 27, 1836, is still living (1910) in her father's old home in Jefferson county, Kentucky, near Okolona. All the children were born and are living in Jefferson county, Kentucky, except Henry P. Beeler, dentist. He lives in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Jackson's Wife.

The true story of the great statesman's matrimonial venture. A bit of history that has been generally suppressed or destroyed. The wrong light in which Mrs. Jackson's first husband has been put by biographers of General Jackson. What the court records of Virginia show with regard to the Robards divorce and Jackson's marriage and great love for his wife.

Jackson's whole public life, like his private life, was marked by a strong purpose to follow his own bent, regardless of the consequences, and he carried his points by the sheer force of his character. It was in the same spirit that he invaded another man's home and carried away his wife, paying no heed then to how the world might look upon it. He fell in love with her. He wanted her for himself. She reciprocated and he took her boldly away.

This, however, was a blunder and left upon him a moral stain which all of the sophistry and juggling with facts by his friends can never efface or conceal. His marriage to Rachael Donaldson, like Napoleon's repudiation of Josephine, was the fatal error of his life, and left a scar which can never be healed. It is the sensitiveness of this sore, no doubt, which compels his admirers at every recurring interval to tear away the bandages and probe it and make fresh efforts to cure it by denials, and explanations, and extenuations of the circumstances which can never be denied or explained away so long as the records of the courts stand.

General Butler, in his speech before the Butler Club, of Boston, January 8, 1890, recalled this circumstance in Jackson's life, explaining it away in such terms as challenged the criticism of all students of history, and which were calculated to leave the impression, which Jackson's defenders have always sought to make, that "Mrs. Jackson was the injured wife of an unworthy spouse," from which a divorce was a matter of necessity. In his address General Butler said: "He went into the White House with an unsullied character, in every relation of life, with him family and society; his name and fame were untarnished," and again: "Against his private life nothing was ever breathed. The worst things the Whig party could ever say against him was that he married a woman who had been legally divorced by the Legislature of Virginia." Since the Jackson presidential campaign the true history of this affair has never been published; it was hushed up on the election of Jackson to fill the chief office of the nation, but now that more than a century has passed

and the affair can be talked of dispassionately, there seems to be no reason why the true facts of the case can not be published, and justice done to the man who was wronged.

Sojourning, a good many years ago, for a time in Central Kentucky, I was located in the oldest town in the State, where I soon found much to interest me in the village gossip of noted people about generations dead and gone. I was surprised to find that in the old clerk's office was recorded the papers concerning the Jackson-Donaldson scandal, and that the old Robards homestead had stood within easy distance of the town, though only a pile of stones and a huge square chimney then remained to mark the spot where dwelt the Widow Robards, from whose fireside Andrew Jackson stole her son's wife away. Recognizing the fact that I had stumbled upon a bit of important history, I proceeded at once to the task of gathering up the threads of the tangled skein, not difficult then, for I found many people still alive who were perfectly familiar with the facts, which had been impressed upon their memories by the bitter crimination and recrimination of the Jackson campaign. There are living at the present day five generations of the Robards family, the oldest of whom remember the events as detailed to them by their parents sixty or seventy years ago. And there are the records of the courts which prove all the essential points of the case. The story, as heard direct from these people, is given to the readers of this book with full details concerning the family of Capt. Lewis Robards, husband of Rachael Donaldson, whom history has been kind enough to hand down by that name, though, as will be seen, she was the legal wife of

Capt. Lewis Robards for two years after eloping with Jackson.

By the women of a family its social status may be determined. A man may sink below or rise above the level set by the world. That the Robards women were distinguished more than most other of that early day for their beauty and culture may be inferred from the brilliant marriages made by them and the marked traits of their descendants.

A detailed history of the Robards family is given here for two reasons, first to prove the credibility of the narrative, and, secondly, by way of refutation of the assertion often made in palliation of her fault that Rachael Donaldson after her marriage found herself so superior to her surroundings, and her lawful husband and his family so unappreciative of her worth, that she was more readily captivated by attentions shown her from such a man as Jackson.

Tradition says:

About the middle of the eighteenth century, William Robards, a Welshman, came to the United States and settled in Goochland county, Virginia, where he married and from this union there sprung a goodly number of sons and daughters, of whom Capt. Lewis Robards, husband of Rachael Donaldson, was the first son by his second wife. When the Colonial War was declared between the United States and Great Britain, George Robards and his brother, Lewis, enlisted in the Colonial Army as privates, and when the war was over returned to their home in Virginia with rank as captains, which titles they bore ever afterwards. Not many years later they started out westward through the wilderness, taking with them their land script, which was the only pay they re-

ceived from the government, and with their guns upon their shoulders they made their way to Kentucky, where they concluded to settle, and located a large area of land in the richest part of the now famous bluegrass region, at a point known as Cane Run, in Mercer county, about the center of the state. After spending two or three years in the wilderness, clearing their land for cultivation, and helping to rid the land of the Indians, they returned to Virginia, when their father had died, and, after settling up his estate, they went back to Kentucky, taking with them their mother and her large family of younger sons and daughters, and carried with them also a large number of slaves which belonged to the estate.

Meanwhile George Robards, the second son and executor of his father's estate, had in 1785 married in the mother state, Virginia, and brought home with him a lovely young bride, Miss' Elizabeth B. Sampson, a granddaughter of the Dutors, French Huguenots, who emigrated from France with a number of others, who settled the "Manniken Town" on the James River.

One of his sisters (Sallie) married Col. John Jouett, whose career covers several pages of the condensed history of Kentucky, and who for gallantry upon the field of battle received a sword from the Old Dominion, which is still in possession of the family.

And here again the women of the family shine pre-eminent. Judging from all this, it must be inferred that "Widow Robards," as she was called, must have been herself a remarkable woman for that day and generation.

It was into this house that Rachael Donaldson was introduced by her marriage to the son of Widow Robards, Capt. Lewis Robards. It happened in this wise. Several years after Mrs. Robards emigrated with her family from Virginia she found that the log house which had been built for them, and served their necessities when they first reached Kentucky, had grown too small for their future occupancy. So she had built, near a famous spring of clear water, the first stone house ever erected in Central Kentucky. And around her hearthstone were gathered her sons and daughters, and the wife of the second son. Soon after the removal of the family into the new stone house winter came on, and a Mrs. Donaldson, also a widow, moving from North Carolina by wagons to the west, was caught by storms in the Cane Run neighborhood, and being unable to proceed farther, petitioned Mrs. Robards to allow her to occupy the deserted log cabin, which petition was readily granted, and thus the Widow Donaldson and family were installed within a stone's throw of the Robards homestead. Of her family was the fair Rachael, whom history credits with great beauty and winsome ways, though lacking in refinement. Sumner says of her: "She was not at all fitted to share the destiny which befell Jackson." However that may be, she soon ensnared the heart of Capt. Lewis Robards, whom tradition credits with having been a handsome cavalier, fond of his horses and his hounds, and history makes no specific charges against him other than the possession of a high temper, and a jealous disposition, which, if true, after events fully justified. A short courtship was soon followed by marriage, and thus Rachael Donaldson was trans-

ferred to his mother's household, without objection on the part of any member of his family.

At that time Kentucky was a perfect mine of litigation, owing to the insecure tenure of the land titles, some of the claims being held from the Indians, some from Virginia, or from the government, either by purchase, or pre-emption, or script, causing an everlasting conflict, from which lawyers, coming from many directions, reaped a rich harvest. It is presumed that in the prosecution of some such law business, Andrew Jackson, a prominent young lawyer, came from Tennessee, and was introduced into the house of Col. Overton, who was a distant relative of Hon. Thomas Davis. As there were no inns in those days, and every man's "latchstring" hung outside, Jackson became a member of the Robards household and came and went at his pleasure so long as his business detained him in that part of the country, no one observing that he showed any particular partiality for the society of Lewis Robard's wife.

It was true as stated by various historians, that her disposition to find pleasure in the society of other men than her husband had been noted, and that her levity of conduct with a Mr. Peyton Short had occasioned considerable gossip and did afterward create so great a disturbance as to occasion her husband to appeal to her mother, who had then moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to send for her, which she did, Mrs. Robard's uncle, Mr. Donaldson, coming for her. That she was considered simply willful and impudent is proven by the fact that her uncle came for her and took her away peaceably, which could scarcely have happened if any serious or false charges had been made against her. As Jackson had

returned to Tennessee before this without having betrayed any weakness for her, it is possible that his love affair with her did not commence until she went to her mother's home in Tennessee, where she either found him domiciled already, or he became a member of her mother's family soon afterward. Meanwhile Lewis Robard loved his wife devotedly, and after some friendly intervention agreed to a reconciliation and went to Tennessee to join her at her mother's home. It has been stated that he purchased a farm there, intending to reside near her mother. It was not long, however, after he went to Tennessee, before he found Jackson paying her such attention as she should not have received. Colonel Overton, who was also residing in the house, in his memoirs of Jackson, states that he remonstrated with Jackson, and urged him to leave the house, as he was causing fresh trouble between the husband and the wife. He also stated that Robards had a stormy interview with Jackson concerning the matter, and that Jackson retreated into the house, saying that he was not so strong a man as Robards and therefore could not fight him. That is not all probable, considering the nature of the two men and the cause of the quarrel, they would not have had a bloodless interview in those days. Neither is it probable, as stated by Colonel Overton, that Robards left the house in anger and returned to Kentucky, leaving his wife behind him. It is far more probable that he took her back with him and installed her once more in his mother's home without even mentioning to them the reason for bringing her back. There is no tradition in the family of this episode at Nashville. The elopement with Jackson from her hus-

band's home seemed to have fallen like a thunderbolt upon them, for, as stated before, they had not, up to that time, credited her with anything more serious than imprudence of behavior. Colonel Overton was Jackson's life-long friend, and his account of the affair was written to vindicate him. Up to the elopement it is fair enough, but there he was obliged to diverge, hence made so lame a statement that one can easily read between the lines and draw their own inference. According to Overton, Robards, in anger, left his wife in Nashville with her mother sometime in 1790 or early in 1791. Having heard that her husband was going to return for her, she decided to go with some friends, Mr. Stark and wife, to Natchez, Jackson going along with them to protect them from the Indians. He remained there some time for May court, when he returned to Nashville. On his arrival in Nashville he heard that his wife had applied to the Legislature of Virginia for a divorce from his wife, and supposing that it had been granted, Jackson went back to Natchez, where he married her privately.

That the affair was not quite so generally known as quietly conducted will be shown hereafter by the records of the court, which also prove that she was not at her mother's, abandoned by her husband in jealous anger as stated, but that she "drove off" from her husband's home, which tallies with the family history.

There is no certain knowledge as to the details of the elopement. It is only known that during Robards' absence from home Jackson carried off his wife away. One historian says, "he rode off one day, carrying her upon his horse behind him."

can hardly be true. The tradition runs, however, that when Robards returned home and found that his wife was gone with Jackson, he followed in hot pursuit with his body servant until they reached a stream near the Tennessee line called Bear Wallow. Here he found that they crossed the river by ferry, which was detained on the other side, cutting off his further progress. His servant, to the day of his

gave graphic accounts of the chase, and stated that Robards and Jackson exchanged shots from the opposite sides of the river, and Jackson, fearing for the safety of the woman, hastened on his journey, while Robards returned home to consider his future course. The people living in the vicinity of Bear Wallow used to point out to strangers a tree upon the bank of the river scarred, they said, by the shots.

When Robards reached home, before deciding what his next step should be, he examined the effects left behind by his fugitive wife and found letters so damaging to her character that he decided, by the advice of his friends, that a decree of divorce and not his wife was what he wanted. Accordingly, therefore, with this determination, he took immediate steps, according to the methods prescribed by law, which were necessarily tedious, since Kentucky was still a part of Virginia. From Parton's "History of Jackson" I make the following extracts and append the copies of the records procured from the clerk's office. By the early laws of Virginia, if a man convinced of his wife's infidelity, desired to be divorced from her, he was obliged to procure an act of the Legislature, authorizing an investigation of the charge before a jury found her guilty. In the winter of 1790-91 Lewis Robards of Kentucky (orig-

inally part of Virginia), the husband of the beautiful and vivacious Rachael Donaldson, appeared before the Legislature of Virginia with a declaration to the effect that his wife, Rachael, had deserted him, and had lived in adultery with another man, to-wit, Andrew Jackson, attorney-at-law, whereupon the Legislature of Virginia passed an act entitled, "An act concerning the marriage of Lewis Robards," of which the following is a copy:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly, that it shall and may be lawful for Lewis Robards to sue out of the office of the Supreme Court of the District of Kentucky, a writ against Rachael Robards, which writ shall be framed by the clerk, and express the nature of the case, and shall be placed for eight weeks successively in the Kentucky Gazette; whereupon the plaintiff may file his declaration in the same cause, and the defendant may appear and plead to issue, in which case, or if she does not appear within two months after such publication, it may be set for trial by the clerk on some day in the succeeding court, but may, for good cause shown in the court, be continued until the term succeeding.

Section 2. Commissions to take depositions and subpoenas to summon witnesses shall issue as in other cases.

Section 3. Notice of taking of depositions, published in the Kentucky Gazette, shall be sufficient.

Section 4. A jury shall be summoned who shall be sworn, well and truly to inquire into the allegations contained in the declaration, or to try the issues joined, as the case may be, and shall find a verdict according to the usual mode; and if the jury, in case of issue joined, shall find for the plaintiff or

in case of inquiry into the truth of the allegations contained in the declaration, shall find substance, that the defendant hath deserted the plaintiff, and that she hath lived in adultery with another man since that desertion, the said verdict shall be recorded, and, thereupon, the marriage between the said Lewis Robards and Rachael Robards shall be totally dissolved.

This application to the Legislature of Virginia was not made, it seems, without Jackson's knowledge, and as a lawyer, practicing in the courts of Kentucky and Virginia, he knew the natural process of the law. If the charges were not true, ready as he afterward proved himself to be, to resent any insult to her, he certainly would have come forward and done her the justice to disprove the charge. His partisans do not claim that he did not know of it, but, on the contrary, Jackson, supposing that the divorce had been granted, "married Rachael Donaldson in July, 1791." (See miscellaneous.)

Meanwhile the Virginia Legislature passed the act as before mentioned (copied from their records). It required then some time, the country being a wilderness with no mails established to convey the official notice to Kentucky and await the convening of the Supreme Court, to take depositions and serve notice, etc., all of which Jackson knew and had abundant time to defend the woman, for it was not until 1793, the April term of the Mercer Circuit Court, that the case was called and set for hearing in the June court. This is a copy, the first which appears on the Mercer clerk's records. Lewis Robards complains of Rachael Robards in custody, etc., of a plea of adultery, for this, to-wit: "That, whereas,

the said Rachael Robards on the — day of — in the year — was, in due form, according to law, united in the holy bonds of matrimony with the said Lewis Robards, nevertheless, the said Rachael, in violation of her most solemn promise did, on the — day of July, in the year 1790, elope from her husband, said Lewis, and live in adultery with another man, and still continues with the adulterer. Therefore, the said Lewis prays that the said marriage between said Rachael and Lewis may be dissolved according to an act of the Assembly in that case made and provided.

“J. BROWN.”

(This John Brown, Lewis Robards' attorney, was at that time a distinguished lawyer, and was afterward the first representative of Kentucky in the United States Senate.)

Right here is a discrepancy in Overton's story and court records which show that she eloped from her husband in July, 1790, while Overton represents her as living with her husband at her mother's in Nashville, in the fall of 1790 and early in 1791, and as going to Natchez with Jackson and the Starks, while in point of fact she had eloped in July, 1790. This record also settles the manner of her leaving.

On account of the absent witnesses the suit was not over until the September court, third day, as the following paper copied from the records shows:

The Commonwealth of Kentucky, to the sheriff of Mercer county, greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Hugh McGarey and John Cowan, to appear before the justice of our court of quarter sessions at the court house, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of Lewis Robards in a certain matter of controversy in our said court, depending

and undetermined between the said Lewis Robards, plaintiff, and Rachael Robards, defendant, and this they shall in nowise omit, under penalty of \$100 each, and have then and there there witnesses.

THOMAS ALLEN,

Clerk of said court, at the court house, August 9,
1793.

As the law required the due notification of Rachael Robards and she made no answer, the jury bringing the verdict, of which the following is a copy:

We, the jury, do find that the defendant, Rachael Robards, both deserted her husband, the plaintiff, Lewis Robards, and hath and doth still live in adultery with another man.

JOHN LIGHTFOOT.

The following transcript from the records of Mercer county, Kentucky, shows the final results of this proceeding. At the court of Quarter Sessions held for Mercer county at the court house in Harrodsburg on the 27th day of September, 1793, this day came the plaintiff, by his attorney, and thereupon came a jury, to-wit: James Bradbury, Thomas Smith, Gabriel Slaughter, John Lightfoot, Samuel Work, Harrison Davis, John Ray, Obediah Wright, John Mills, John Means, Joseph Thomas, and Benjamin Sanders, who, being elected, tried and sworn, well and truly to inquire into the allegation in plaintiff's declaration, specified, upon oath, do say that the defendant, Rachael Robards, hath and doth still live in adultery with another man, it is therefore considered by the court that the marriage between the plaintiff and defendant is dissolved.

Thus ended this celebrated case. Jackson had been living with her as his wife over two years when

it was closed. They never were heard from in regard to it while it was pending, and never would have been heard from again if he had never become a great man with the eyes of the nation upon him. That Jackson, a lawyer, did not know of or keep track of the proceedings, is preposterous. Yet, Overton states that at the end of two years Jackson was surprised to learn that it had just been decided, and upon his suggestion was again married publicly.

Near Natchez, Mississippi, there used to stand a ruined log hut, which was pointed out to strangers as the spot where they had spent their honeymoon. This was no doubt the spot to which he carried her when they first ran away, for she was kept in a "place of safety," says one historian, until after "Robards" applied for a divorce.

Over thirty years they lived together quietly and without question, perfectly unconcerned about the irregularity of their union, so far as any one knew, until he was put forward as the candidate of the Democratic party for president, when this episode of his private life was brought forward by the Whigs, and it became necessary for his friends to put as good a face upon the matter as could be made, then disregarding the well known facts of the case and records of the courts, they proceeded to justify the conduct of Jackson and his wife by vilifying her wronged husband, whose home Jackson had destroyed by the alienation of the affections of his wife and robbing him of her. His own sensitiveness concerning the good name of his wife is the strongest proof which can be brought to the weakness of his cause. He was well aware of the inconsistencies of the explanation concerning their marriage, and by way of

strengthening it kept his pistol ready for any person who questioned it, his readiness to defend her was chivalrous heroic, but painful in its results. Dickenson, a prominent young lawyer, was killed by him, his friends freely admit, because he committed the unpardonable sin of speaking disrespectfully of Mrs. Jackson's past life. His beautiful young wife, to whom he bade a fond goodbye in the early dawn, promising to return soon, was widowed a few hours later by a pistol shot from Andrew Jackson for this cause. It is said that he regretted this more than any act of his life, and well he might, for in his heart of hearts he knew that Dickerson was justified in criticising this indiscretion of their youth. Mrs. Jackson died before inauguration only a few days, of a broken heart, it was said—certainly of heart disease. It was fortunate for her and the nation, for she could not have presided at the White House without serious social complications. Luckily, also, there were no descendants of this ill-starred union. Capt. Lewis Robards, several years after obtaining the divorce, was married to a very handsome and estimable lady of Jefferson county, Kentucky, with whom he lived happily to a good old age, and their descendants may be found occupying positions of honor and trust in various parts of the country, in Kentucky and Missouri chiefly.

(The writer of this article is unknown.)

Capt. George RoBards Family

Capt. George RoBards, born in Goochland county, Virginia, August 5, 1760. Died testate, July 13, 1833, on his farm in Mercer county, Kentucky, aged 73 years. Married Elizabeth Barbara Sampson in 1785.

She died testate, November, 1836, in Palmyra, Missouri. They had the following children:

IV. Andrew Lewis RoBards, born October 4, 1787.

IV. Nancy Porter RoBards, born January 20, 1790. She married, 1807, John B. Thompson, Sr., of Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

IV. Sallie Hill RoBards, born February 8, 1795. Married George Bowman. Had two children.

IV. Captain Archibald Sampson RoBards, born December 25, 1797, died 1862. Married, 1831, Amanda Carpenter. She was born 1808, died 1865. She was a daughter of George and Jane (Logan) Carpenter. They moved to Hannibal, Missouri, 1843. Was twice mayor of that city. Took, at his own expense, a company of men to California in 1849. Gave freedom to his slaves there in 1850. They left six children, viz.:

V. George C. RoBards, born 1833. He was a brave captain in the Confederate army throughout the war. He died 1879.

V. Jane E. RoBards, born 1834, married President J. K. Rogers of Columbia, Missouri. Died 1882.

V. Sallie Hill RoBards, born 1836, married B. W. S. Bowman. After his death, in 1868, she married Rev. H. H. Haley, who died in 1874. They had one daughter, Clifton, who married David Hays.

V. John Lewis RoBards, born 1838, married Sarah C. Helm, daughter of Judge John B. Helm. They have three children, viz.: Mary Logan RoBards, married Elisha Richardson of Louisville, Kentucky; Archie Crump RoBards and Mabel Helm RoBards. She married James R. Bozarth of Hannibal Produce Co., Hannibal, Missouri.

V. Henry Clay RoBards, born 1842, died 1885. He was a fearless officer in the Confederate service during the war.

V. Archey S. RoBards, born 1849, died 1879, in Columbia, Missouri.

IV. Elizabeth Barbara RoBards, born April 20, 1799, married James Mosby. They had three children, viz.: William, John and Elizabeth.

IV. Mary Kemp RoBards, born April 6, 1801, died 1833. Married Peter B. Atwood. Had one child, Betty.

IV. George Washington RoBards, born October 6, 1802. Married Sarah Eppes. One son, Dr. George W. RoBards of Mississippi.

IV. Jane Dutors RoBards, born December 9, 1805, married William Buckner, one daughter, Mary.

IV. Almira RoBards, born December 9, 1811, married William P. Owsley; had two daughters, Bettie and Nannie. Bettie married John C. Hatch, Chicago, Illinois. Nannie married William Johnson, Dallas, Texas.

IV. Catherine RoBards, born March 15, 1815, married James H. Stirman of Fayetteville, Arkansas. She died December, 1901.

Nancy Porter RoBards Family

IV. Nancy Porter RoBards, born January 20, 1790, married John B. Thompson, Sr., 1807, of Harrodsburg, Kentucky. She died in 1870, aged 80 years. Their children, viz.:

John B. Thompson, born 1810, died 1874; was U. S. Senator.

Henry Thompson, born 1812, died 1900.

Maria Thompson, born 1814, died 1896, married

William Daviess; had a daughter, Mrs. H. C. Pittman, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Charles Thompson, born 1818, died 1872. Has son, John Charles Thompson, lawyer, of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Philip B. Thompson, born 1820. Colonel in Confederate army and lawyer, Harrodsburg, Kentucky; has sons, Philip B. Thompson, M. C., and John B. Thompson, lawyers. Both served in Confederate army.

Elizabeth Thompson, born 1822, died 1883.

Ann Thompson, born 1826, married — Trimble. Died 1889.

Susan Burton Thompson, born 1828, married Henry Massie. Has son, David Mead Massie, lawyer, of Columbia, Ohio.

Katherine Thompson, born 1831, married ——— Dunn. Died 1894, in Ohio.

Capt. George RoBards

Capt. George RoBards, born August 5, 1760, died testate, July 13, 1833, aged 73 years. He enlisted in his sixteenth year in the Fourteenth Virginia Regiment, Continental Line. He was, in his nineteenth year, commissioned by Governor Thomas Jefferson, lieutenant in the Fourth Virginia Regiment, State Line. Was in the battle of Camden. His brother, William, by his side, was severely wounded. He was commissioned captain in 1781 and served until the close of the war.—By John L. RoBards, Hannibal, Missouri.

Further research, we find, February 4, 1778, he enlisted for three years. His rank as a soldier was:

1st, Orderly Sergeant; 2d, Q. M. Sergeant; 3d, Commissary Clerk to wagon master. Captains Hawkins and Robertson, Colonel Charles Lewis. April, 1780, enlisted for fifteen months; rank, Lieutenant, Captain Edmund Curd company, Colonel Lucas regiment. Early, July, 1782, to end of war, was captain. He was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stony Point and Camden. He enlisted in Goochland county, Virginia. The date of his application for pension being July 9, 1832. His home at that time was Mercer county, Kentucky. His brother, Jesse, testified in the case.

Col. John Lewis RoBards

The subject of this sketch, John L. RoBards, of Hannibal, Missouri, was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, May 10, 1838. Is a son of Capt. Archibald S. RoBards and a grandson of Capt. George RoBards, of Revolutionary fame. He and his wife, Sarah C. Helm, are both natives of Kentucky. He was a student of the Missouri University. Graduated from the law department of the University of Louisville, Kentucky. Was a vice-president of the Missouri Bar Association, also a vice-president of the Missouri Sons of the American Revolution.

The Hannibal Morning Journal, of May 13, 1908, gives an interesting account of the seventieth birthday of Col. John L. RoBards at the Park Methodist Sunday School. Rev. Robinson, the pastor, made the following speech in presenting birthday presents:

Brother RoBards, you remember that while Jesus was in the house of Simon the Leper, Mary came with an alabaster box of very precious ointment as they sat at meat and out of the depths of her loving

heart she anointed him. Sir, these women members of this "Mary Sunday School class" of whom you are teacher, each carry in their bosom an alabaster box filled with very precious ointment of love and tender regard for you as well as a deep sense of appreciation of your efficient work in the class and for the church.

Being too timid to speak out of the abundance of their hearts these women have asked me to break the alabaster box of ointment and anoint you before the burial. These books, sir, I have been asked to present them to you, as a small token of love and gratitude. May you find in them thoughts to inspire your noble mind, and warm your noble heart, and as you peruse these pages remember that there is between the lines a heart language which no one can read but yourself.

We are told that it has been seventy summers since you started, I was about to say, on your earthly pilgrimage, I will say, on your eternal pilgrimage. The days of your years, sayeth the word, are three score and ten, and if we continue longer, it will be but for a short time and we are soon cut off and we fly away.

We congratulate you, sir, in that the weight of these years, with their winters and storms, have left you with sunshine in your soul, melody and music in your heart.

The prayer of each of us shall be that your life will ver exhibit a brighter glow, a sweeter contentment, a purer joy, like the sunset that turns even the sullen clouds into crimson and gold."

Colonel Robards responded in a very happy manner, being moved with emotion. At the conclusion

of his remarks the Sunday School filed into the parlor, in which the celebration was held, and shook hands with Brother RoBards, one by one. The room was beautifully decorated, and Superintendent W. T. League furnished a most handsome floral offering. Those who live well, live long, and our wishes are that his life may yet be extended many years.

HOW A BOY OF ELEVEN YEARS CROSSED THE PLAINS IN FORTY-NINE.

Recollections of Col. John L. Robards of Hannibal, Missouri, Whose Trip to California Made Him the Wonder of Other Boys.

Hannibal, Missouri, November 6, 1909.—Col. John L. Robards is said to be the youngest 49er that ever left Missouri in quest of gold in the far West. The statement has never been challenged. He was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, May 8, 1838, came with his parents to Missouri, 1843, and left Hannibal for the Pacific coast in the spring of 1849, when he was 11 years old. His father, Archibald S. Robards, was captain of a company of fifteen Hannibalites, who made the journey with ox teams.

“Most of the boys of my age about Hannibal were ambitious to go on the river, but I had been reading the papers a great deal; they were teeming with Indian stories and gold discoveries, and when I found father was arranging for the long hike I would not give him any rest until he agreed to take me along. I didn’t care for the river; adventure was the lodestone to my boyish mind. The folks tried to talk me out of it, but my head was set; I was bound to see whether Indians were as bad as they were painted.

or whether the story books had lied. It was the journey more than the gold at the end of the rainbow that lured me; the overland cruise through the enchanted valley. No tale concerning its wonders was unbelievable.

"Sam Clemens stood among the boys that gathered about the wagons the day we left. He wrote the incident up in later years. To each boy I promised a sack of gold if luck came our way."

Ten months on the way.—"We were ten months and four days traveling from Hannibal to Mariposa, where our mining operations were to be. Father took with him one of our slaves, called Green, and later liberated him. Green was the first slave liberated in California.

"While in camp at Pima, Arizona, near the Gila river, a man rode in and asked permission to stay with us a while. Hospitality was the law of the desert and father cordially welcomed him. Next morning a swarm of Indians rode up, decked out in feathers and paint, armed with bows, arrows, lances and a few guns. They fully came up to my youthful fancy, but they were not on the warpath—not just then. Some of them had brought corn and other produce to sell. Father welcomed them through an interpreter, and they were soon browsing about the camp, making themselves very much at home. There were 500 of them and 25 of us, our party having been increased by ten argonauts we had encountered on the road. Suddenly an Indian gave a screech; then followed wildest volume of broken lingo I had ever heard.

"The braves had caught sight of the stranger's horse and were claiming it as their own. Father

went to where the trouble was and the interpreter told him the horse had been stolen from the chief by some Mexicans and the Indians were going to have it back or annihilate the white party. Some sort of signal was given and the red warriors assembled themselves with military precision about the camp, with bows and arrows ready for action. Father realized the gravity of the situation. He had observed the horse had shown signs of recognizing the Indians and made up his mind they had told a straight story. Then he directed the stranger to turn over the horse to the Indians, but that worthy, indifferent to our perilous predicament, absolutely refused: he said he had paid good money for the horse and was going to keep it."

A forced trade—"The interpreter quickly translated his ultimatum to the chief, who was standing with father in the center of the camp. The Indians, who had come on a friendly mission, now began to look ferocious. Father whispered to me to run to the wagon and get his dueling pistol and my box of Indian trinkets—beads, mirrors and some small, bright ornaments which had been given me in Hannibal by a relative of Gen. Ben Butler's. The pistol was of the sort used by Kentucky gentlemen in settling affairs of honor. It shot one ball, about the size of a big marble, and was as formidable as a cannon. Handsome engravings decorated the steel parts; there was a mechanical device to set a hair trigger. Father grasped the big pistol and trinkets and before any one realized what he was about he had thrust the weapon against the chief's head and held up the baubles in the other hand.

“ ‘Tell him,’ he said sternly to the interpreter, ‘he can take his choice.’ ”

“The interpreter communicated. There was a curious grimace on the bronzed face of the chieftain and then it became stolid. Then he slowly reached out his long arm and took the beads and things. The act signified a compact; there was no further danger, because the chief’s command was the law of the tribe. The Indians lowered their bows and arrows and were making ready to depart, but father realized that an injustice had been done them by keeping the chief’s horse; he did not intend that the stranger, who had shown such indifference to our danger, should profit by the situation, and this time he went and got the horse and delivered it to the surprised Indian chief. The stranger cussed and fumed, but it didn’t help him. The big chief said a whole lot of nice things to us and made us some much appreciated presents of provender.”

Danced with Mexican Girls.—“Going up the coast we stopped at Santa Barbara and camped. A Mexican gentleman came to our camp and invited us to a fandango at his house one night. Most of us could talk a little Spanish and we wore Mexican hats. I had a broad red sash and fringed breeches. Father took me along and I—a boy of 11—had the time of my life dancing with the pretty Mexican girls. They thought it quite a frolic to dance with the little “Americano” who had traveled 2,000 miles in an ox-team caravan. Next morning our Mexican host and his wife, who seemed to me a most beautiful woman, came out to camp again and the man laid on a box a sack containing \$1,000 in silver and said:

“ ‘My wife and I have no children,’ he said to

father; 'you have a long and dangerous journey yet ahead of you; let us keep the boy and the money's yours.'

"It never occurred to me that I was worth anything like that amount of money, and I was just a little curious to know what father—who had gone West after gold—would think of such a proposition. For a moment his eyes twinkled, and then he graciously thanked the Mexican, but informed him it was not the custom of our country to sell children."

Indian Chief for a Week.—"But a little further along a greater glory came to Green, our negro slave—it looked like a wonderful honor, at first. One day he came to father and told him the Indians over at Camp Suter had elected him chief of the tribe. You see, Green, along with the balance of us, could talk a little Spanish and had also picked up some Indian during the trip. Father said it would never do for a slave to be ruler of a tribe of freemen, but he called five or six of our party around. The matter was long and earnestly debated, Green watching the proceedings with great interest, as the result would decide whether he would be king or slave. I knew how he would like to send word to the darkies at home about his wonderful rise in the world, and was glad when the conference decided that if he was to be an Indian chief he must be liberated, and father promptly assented to this, remarking that Green had come with him from Kentucky and had always proven a most faithful servant.

"The tribesmen waited outside the camp, and when Green was formally declared a free man they took their new leader away, uttering shouts of triumph.

“In a week the king was back, his kinky hair full of feathers and his clothes in tatters. He didn’t say anything for a few days, and then he let father in on the secret:

“ ‘For de fust day hit was lots o’ fun,’ he said; ‘we just jumped ’round, singed and warwhooped. An’ den we run out o’ grub an’ hat ter eat grass an’ roots er starve. Den ah resigned. Ah wants ter be back whar ah was. Hit ain’t no sense in bein’ a king ‘thought emything ter eat.’ ”

A Dishonest Pilgrim.—“We mined at Mariposa and other places, run store at Sacramento and got together several sacks of gold dust. Then father had a yearning to go back home, and I don’t have to state that I had a similar feeling. At San Francisco we joined a party homeward bound. While there a man came to us, and stated that he was broke; he had a letter from his sick wife, pleading with him to come home; would we pay his passage back?

“Such a plea was as a command to the miner of ’49. The money was quickly raised, and the man appeared overwhelmed with gratitude. The members of the party, having business about town before the ship sailed, left their gold dust in charge of the pilgrim who was so anxious to return to his sick wife. When they came back to the room several sacks—about \$1,800—were missing. The faithless guard was caught and confessed he had hid the gold near the edge of town; he offered to show the hiding place. He said he never had had so much money in all his life; that he had hoped to bring some back with him, but failed to make a strike; he just couldn’t resist the temptation when he saw the precious stuff so near, and nobody watching.

"They tied his thumbs together and told him to lead the way to the buried gold. Several hundred miners joined in the march to see how things would turn out. There was not an expression of sympathy for the thief anywhere. The law of the West was swift and merciless. It was executed direct by the people without the semblance of red tape. That is why crime was a rare thing.

"When the crowd reached the outskirts of town the culprit balked. He refused absolutely to tell where the gold was hidden. Then the administrators of justice resolved to make him tell. He was tied to a post, his hands above his head. A stalwart fellow laid a cat-o'-nine-tails on the prisoner's back. He was an accomplished workman. The blows were well delivered. At every stroke the confessed thief jumped as high as he could and howled. The tears ran down his cheeks as he sobbed in agony. He could have stopped the punishment at any moment by a word. But he would not tell. The cruel whip was wielded by the strong-armed man until the criminal's life was in danger. Then they stopped, and one of the owners of the money said:

"'If they let you loose will you tell?'

"The poor wretch, unable to speak, shook his head sullenly. Then they hunted up a big ice box, threw him in and fastened the door. That's the last I heard of him. If he lived he sure paid the price of his loot."

Back to Missouri.—"We sailed down to Panama, crossed the isthmus and thence up to New Orleans. There we took a steamer for St. Louis, at which point we changed for another boat going up the Mississippi. It was the early spring of '52. As the boat

proceeded north we encountered ice. We approached Hannibal in the night time. In all my journeyings nothing impressed me with greater picturesqueness than our home-coming that dark night. Great chunks of ice were thundering against the boat, which was crowded with freight and passengers. Sparks flew thickly among the coils of black smoke rolling out of the tall chimneys. Two anxious pilots were on duty up in the wheelhouse using all their skill to save the boat and its precious cargo. Late as it was, the banks were lined with people to welcome the voyagers from the west and elsewhere. Sam Clemens was among the boys in that crowd. The iron baskets forward were filled with blazing pine knots, which cast a weird glare across the ice through which the boat was steaming. As we drifted slowly into shore the crowd set up a yell you could have heard a mile or more. We had safely returned from a far journey—a journey fraught with as much peril in that day as a voyage to the pole is now.”

A Hannibal resident who was among the crowd of boys at the landing of the pilgrims adds this:

“The next few weeks the lads clung around John and listened with eager interest to his stories of the west. It was a tale without end, as he could think up something new every time we met in the old lumber yard or on the creek bank. No orator ever was honored with a more attentive audience. For years afterwards whenever there was a dispute about the giants and hobgoblins of the mountains and desert it was passed up to John for settlement. What he said was the finding of the Supreme Court because he had traveled and he knew.”

The foregoing copy was sent to me by Mrs. Nannie Robards of St. Louis, Missouri.

Sallie (RoBards) Jouette Family

Sallie RoBards (page 9), daughter of William RoBards, Sr., was born in Goochland county, Virginia, 1765, was married, August 20, 1784, to Capt. John Jouette, a distinguished soldier of the Revolutionary war. Their children were, viz: Matthew H., Jefferson, John, Lynch, Elizabeth, Nancy, Polly, Louisa, Sallie, Jane, Matilda, Gabriel and Robert.

Captain Jouette was the hero of the following daring deed in the heat of the Revolutionary war, in June, 1871: When Cornwallis (a Britisher) was near Richmond burning barns, fences, crops, killing the horses of the farmers of Virginia, he sent Col. Tarleton on a special secret raid to capture the general assembly in session at Charlottesville in Albermarle county, Virginia. Their rapid march was observed by Captain John Jouette. He divined this dangerous purpose, and started at once on his fleet horse, a thoroughbred, to defeat their strategy. The passing, firing, race was swift, daring and perilous, so hot and close that a single unlucky bullet, or a misstep of his faithful steed would place Captain Jouette at the mercy of the marauding troop. Fortune, providence, favored the brave patriot. He gave the sudden warning, but so narrow was the escape of the Legislature that seven of the members were captured. (Virginia Magazine of History and Biography.)

Campbell, in History of Virginia, says:

“A Mr. Jouette, mounted on a fleet horse, conveyed intelligence of Tarleton’s approach, to Charlottesville, so that the greater part of the members of the assembly escaped. ‘Tarleton,’ after a delay of some hours, entered Charlottesville, seven of the del-

legates fell into his hands, and the public stores were destroyed. The General Assembly presented him with a horse fully comparisond and a pair of pistols for his vigilance and activity."

Collins, in History of Kentucky, says:

"Capt. John Jouette, born December 7, 1751, died March 1, 1822, aged 67 years, was an officer in the Revolutionary war, in which he distinguished himself for great daring, and was presented a sword by the Legislature of Virginia. Came to Kentucky and settled in Mercer county in 1782. Married Sallie Robards August 20, 1784, was a delegate, from Mercer county, to Virginia Legislature in 1787 and 1790; was a member of the convention at Danville in 1788; was elected from Mercer county to Kentucky Legislature in 1792; was sent to the Legislature from Woodford county in 1795-1797, and afterward took up his residence in Bath county, Kentucky."

(1792 is when Kentucky was admitted as a state.)
History of Henrico county, Virginia:

A short time before the outbreak of the war (Revolutionary war) John Jouette built his house, "The Swan Tavern," on the east side of the public square, and was known in those days as "The Grass Lott" (in Charlottesville, Virginia).

Matthew Jouette died 1775. John Jouette, his son, succeeded him in conducting the "Tavern," but shortly after removed to Bath county, Kentucky. His wife was Sarah Robards, a sister of the first husband of President Jackson's wife.

From History of Albemarle County, Virginia, by Woods:

The Tarleton Raid upon Charlottesville took place in June, 1781, with two hundred and fifty horse-

men, the British commander was passing Louisa, "C. H." at a rapid rate, when they were seen by John Jouette, who, at the time, was a temporary sojourner at the place. Suspecting their object, he leaped on his horse and, being familiar with the roads, he took the shortest route, and soon left the enemy behind. He obtained considerable advantage in addition by the detention Tarleton underwent at "Castle Hill," where he stopped for breakfast, and for the capture of several members of the Legislature who were visiting Dr. Walker. Meeting an acquaintance near Milton, he dispatched him to Monticello to warn Mr. Jefferson, who was then Governor of the state, while he pushed on to give the alarm at Charlottesville. By this means the Legislature, which had just convened at that place, was notified in time to adjourn and make a precipitate retreat to Stanton. After a short time Tarleton and his troops entered the town. Though disappointed in their main object, they remained a part of two days, and, it is said, destroyed a thousand fire locks, four hundred barrels of powder, together with a considerable quantity of clothing and tobacco, the most important as well as the most useless waste they committed was the destruction of the public records.

(It is possible that some of the records destroyed by Tarleton would have given valuable information in compiling this book, particularly the facts concerning William RoBards, Sr., and the name of his first wife with the date of their marriage.)

Joseph RoBards Family

Joseph Robards was born in Goochland county, Virginia, December 10, 1766, and moved with his



JAMES T. ROBARDS, DEC.
Madisonville, Ky

LUTHER M. ROBARDS
Clarksville, Miss.

ALFRED ROBARDS
Sorgo, Ky.

mother, in 1784, to Harrod's Station, in Kentucky, then a part of Virginia, and near what is now Harrodsburg, Kentucky. He was in the war of 1812, and was a successful business man. He was married to Miss Nancy Harris, September 11, 1806. To them were born the following children:

1. Joseph Robards, Jr., who died unmarried and was buried in the family graveyard at Hardinsburg, Kentucky.

2. Elizabeth Robards married Mr. ——— Cowherd. She died soon after marriage and was buried at Hardinsburg, Kentucky.

3. Eliza Robards married Joseph Wilson, of Hancock county, Kentucky. She died and was buried near Hawesville, Kentucky.

4. Dr. Zeno T. Robards married Martha McDouell, moved to Missouri and died there. Had two children.

5. Dr. William H. Robards, a very highly educated physician, a graduate of Philadelphia Medical School. He located at Henderson, Kentucky, and died there unmarried.

6. Alfred Robards, who lived on the old homestead near Hardinsville, Kentucky, died unmarried, 1884.

7. Luther McDonald Robards married Martha Newman of Cloverport, Kentucky, and moved to Arkansas, 1854, and died there, 1876.

Joseph Robards, born December 10, 1766, died testate, December 5, 1858. Nancy (Harris) Robards died testate, May, 1862. They died in Breckenridge county, Kentucky. See their wills.

Luther McDonald RoBards Family

7. Luther McDonald Robards was born in Breckenridge county, Kentucky, July 30, 1815. Died November 15, 1876, in Phillips county, Arkansas.

Martha Newman, born in Breckenridge county, Kentucky, February 15, 1821, died April 15, 1872. She was a daughter of Obadiah Newman, a native of Virginia and an early pioneer of northern Breckenridge county, Kentucky. Luther McDonald Robards and Martha Newman were married April 30, 1840. They lived in Breckenridge county, Kentucky, until 1854, when they moved to Arkansas.

The following are the children of Luther McDonald and Martha (Newman) Robards:

1. Joseph Robards, eldest son, was born February 15, 1841, and died in July, 1863, from consumption, contracted during the war and while in the army. He served about a year and a half in the civil war and fought for the South. He died unmarried.

2. William H. Robards, second son, was born November 17, 1843; married Miss Sallie Few, July 20, 1872; she died in 1875. He married Miss Mollie McConnell of Lee county, Arkansas, in 1876, and to them two children were born, namely: Ermine Robards, who lived two years, and Horace Scott Robards, born in November, 1885, and died unmarried March, 1908. William H. Robards died in August, 1888.

3. Luther Monroe Robards, the third son of Luther McDonald and Martha (Newman) Robards, was born May 15, 1845, in Breckenridge county, Kentucky; married his first cousin, Sarah Elizabeth Cooper, of Breckenridge county, Kentucky, Septem-



JOSEPH WARD ROBARDS
Vineyard, Arkansas

ber 13, 1866. He was married at his father's home in Arkansas. He served three years, two months, and five days in the Civil war; was captured at Port Hudson, Mississippi. He fought on the Confederate side. Democrat in politics; lives in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Luther Monroe Robards and wife, Sarah E. Robards, had the following children, namely:

1. Adlia T. Robards, born November 20, 1869, He married Miss Hattie Lee Johnson of Wheatley, Arkansas, January 10, 1901. They have no children. He is a merchant and lives at Tutwiler, Mississippi.

2. Alfred Robards was born December 2, 1871, and died January 19, 1900, unmarried.

3. Annie Eliza Robards, born February 22, 1873, died July 25, 1873.

4. Mollie Adelle Robards, born July 4, 1874, died September 8, 1876.

5. Gertrude Robards, born May 8, 1876, died September 19, 1878.

6. Josephine Feland Robards, born November 12, 1878, married, July 1, 1900, at Clarksdale, Mississippi, to Emory M. Patterson of Meridian, Mississippi. They now live in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Have one son, Leroy Robards Patterson, born September 18, 1901.

7. Miss Lena Gilman Robards, born September 15, 1880. Unmarried. Is a stenographer in the law office of Maynard and Fitzgerald, Clarksdale, Mississippi.

8. Miss Willie Cooper Robards, born September 19, 1882. Unmarried and is a stenographer in the Planters Bank at Clarksdale, Mississippi.

9. Jamie Bell Robards, born June 27, 1884, died October 17, 1895.

10. John Ward Robards, born October 25, 1886, unmarried and lives in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Is working under the city civil engineer.

This family of children were all born in Arkansas, and lived there until about 1890, when they moved from Lee county, Arkansas, to Clarksdale, Mississippi.

(By Miss Willie Cooper Robards, Clarksdale, Mississippi.)

4. Anna Eliza Robards, the only daughter of Luther McDonald Robards and Martha Newman, his wife, was born March 28, 1848, in Breckenridge county, Kentucky. She was married to William Harris, in Arkansas, November 14, 1866. She moved to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and died there April 5, 1869. Had no children.

5. Obadiah Newman Robards was the fifth child of Luther McDonald and Martha (Newman) Robards, was born July 17, 1851, died January 24, 1889, in Lee county, Arkansas. He married Miss Carrie Ward, in 1872; had no children. She died in a short time after marriage, and later he married Miss Ella Holtzelaw of Vineyard, Arkansas, July 7, 1878, and to this union were born six children:

1. Mary Florence Robards, born October 14, 1879.

2. Anna Harris Robards, born January 17, 1881.

3. Carrie Elizabeth Robards, born January 7, 1883.

4. Henry McDonald Robards, born December 7, 1885. Died July 16, 1888.

5. Joseph Ward Robards, born February 26, 1887.

6. Oba Minnie Robards, born April 1, 1889. This family are all married except Oba Minnie Robards.



MARY FLORENCE (ROBARDS) WILLIAMS
Tyronza, Arkansas



ANNA HARRIS (ROBARDS) WOOTEN
Tyronza, Arkansas

and live in Arkansas. All were born in Lee county, Arkansas.

1. Mary Florence Robards, born in Lee county, Arkansas, October 14, 1879; married Dr. Oliver C. Williams of Houlka, Mississippi, July 25, 1900. Have three children, namely, Oliver Robards, Robert Henry and Mary Florence Williams. They live in Tyronza, Arkansas.

2. Anna Harris Robards, born in Lee county, Arkansas, January 17, 1881; married Thomas C. Wooten, a merchant of Vineyard, Arkansas, November 21, 1901. They have one child, Thomas Harris Wooten. They live in Tyronza, Arkansas.

3. Carrie Elizabeth Robards, born in Lee county, Arkansas, January 7, 1883; married January 13, 1903, to Mr. William W. Hollms, a farmer of Vineyard, Arkansas. They have two children, Hallie Mae and Ella Elizabeth Hollms. Live near Vineyard, Arkansas.

4. Henry McDonald Robards, born December 7, 1885, died July 16, 1888.

5. Joseph Ward Robards, born in Lee county, Arkansas, February 26, 1887; married Miss Anna Howard of Tyronza, Arkansas, May 16, 1909.

6. Oba Minnie Robards, born April 1, 1889. Single. She lives with her mother and a sister at Vineyard, Arkansas. To her we are indebted for the genealogy of her father's family.

6. Alfred Robards, fifth son and sixth child of Luther McDonald Robards and Martha Newman, his wife, was born 1852, in Breckenridge county, Kentucky. Married Miss Anna Renner. Have no children. Live near Sorgho, Kentucky. He is Democratic in politics.

7. James Thomson Robards, born in Lee county, Arkansas, July 24, 1859, married Ada Leslie of Breckenridge county, Kentucky, October 10, 1878. He is the youngest son of Luther McDonald Robards and Martha (Newman) Robards. Politically, he is a Democrat. He lives in Madisonville, Kentucky, and is a tobacco dealer. They have two children, namely: Bernard Robards, born December 29, 1880, and Lillian Robards, born February 11, 1886. Bernard Robards married Lottie Seward of Madisonville, Kentucky, April 8, 1903; have two children, Mary Leslie Robards, born February 5, 1904, and Madaline Robards, born August 26, 1905.

To Miss Lillian Robards, a daughter of James T. Robards, of Madisonville, Kentucky, and Miss Willie C. Robards, a daughter of Luther M. Robards, of Clarksdale, Mississippi, we are under obligations for the history and genealogy of the Joseph Robards family and descendants.

Obituary of James T. Robards

The Madisonville (Kentucky) Journal, January 15, 1910, says of him: "J. T. Robards, aged 50, for many years a tobaccoist in a number of places in this section of the state (Kentucky), well known and admired by scores of friends for his excellent traits of character, after a long struggle with tuberculosis, succumbed to the disease Thursday, January 13, 1910, at his residence in this city. He had been unable to attend to business for several months and for the past eight weeks had been confined to his bed. Although death was but a matter of time the end came a little unexpected.

"Mr. Robards had been in the tobacco business here and at Nebo during his residence in this county.



LILIAN ROBARDS

Madisonville, Ky.

and has bought tobacco all over this immediate section. He came in contact with many people yearly and with all was considered a friend and admired by them as a fair and square business man and an upright citizen. He was quiet and unassuming and had that strength of character to mix with these elements that make a most admirable type of manhood. From 1893 to 1897, during the Cleveland administration, Mr. Robards served as a storekeeper under collector J. D. Powers of this revenue district.

After the term of office expired he entered the tobacco business, which he pursued until physical inability prevented. He leaves a wife and two children, Bernard Robards, bookkeeper for the Sunset Coal Company, and Miss Lillian Robards, who is bookkeeper for the Municipal Light Company. The funeral of Mr. Robards was held at the family residence (January 14, 1910), Rev. A. D. Litchfield officiating. The body was buried in Odd Fellows cemetery.

Another Pioneer Gone

Editor Louisville Courier: Death has claimed another of the old pioneers of our state. They are a race of noble men fast passing away. Their death should be chronicled with pious care, and their histories treasured up in the hearts of their countrymen.

“Art is long, and time is fleeting.
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums are beating,
Funeral marches to the grave.”

We fear that in this age of hurry and progress, the early history of the country—the history of our

champions, whether in court, in camp, or in the walks of private life—are too much neglected. And he who shall attempt to write a complete history of this country will find a sad lacking in materials. In this brief sketch of one of the citizens of this country, Mr. Joseph Robards,

“What histories of toil could I declare?”

Mr. Robards was born in Goochland county, Virginia, on the 10th day of December, 1766, and removed with his mother, in 1784, to Harrod's Station, in the — District of Kentucky, then a part of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and near what is now called Harrodsburg, Kentucky. At that period the whole country was one vast wilderness, with only here and there a station or a settlement: and yet Mr. Robards passed through this wilderness fifty-six times in going to and from the State of Virginia. Returning from that state on one of those toilsome journeys, about the latter part of the year 1797, Henry Clay, then in the twenty-first year of his age, came to Kentucky in company with Mr. Robards, spent several days with him at his mother's house, and then proceeded to make his home at Lexington. This was the first visit of the great statesman to Kentucky. Mr. Robards was a devoted friend of Mr. Clay's, and to the principles he advocated, to the day of his death. He was emphatically an Old Line Whig until the advent of the American party and the disruption of the Whig party, from which time he voted with the Democrats, and upon the new issues was anxious for their success. His ideas of a pure Democratic government were based upon the policy of the old Whig party, and in his last illness he expressed himself to his physician, Dr. S. B. Abell, that this

country might forever have a Democratic government.

He lived through a long and eventful period in the history of this country—in the history of the world. He voted for Washington at his first election in 1789—being then about twenty-three years of age—for Buchanan in 1856, and at every other presidential election, embracing a period of sixty-seven years. This is a long political struggle; and we have had warm contests in every Presidential canvass since the second election of Washington, and yet he was in and through them all. Fifteen Presidents of these United States, thirteen of whom were elected to that office,—Washington, John Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, John Q. Adams, Jackson, Van-Buren, Harrison, Polk, Taylor, Pierce and Buchanan. Upon the death of Harrison, Tyler succeeded him, by virtue of his office as Vice-President; and Fillmore succeeded Taylor by the same authority. Many times during this period the Union seemed to be on the point of dissolution, and every patriot felt for his country. But when his eyes were turned to behold for the last time the sun in heaven, their last feeble and lingering glance beheld the gorgeous ensign of the republic, now known and honored throughout the earth, still full high advanced, its arms and trophies streaming in their original lustre, not a stripe erased or polluted, nor a single star obscured. So may it be when we die.

Mr. Robards was married to Miss Nancy Harris, near Harrodsburg, on the 11th day of September, 1806, removed to this county, Breckenridge, in 1808, lived near Stephensport eight years, and since that time on the farm near Harrodsburg. He departed

this life on the 5th of December, 1858, at his residence, in the ninety-second year of his age. Mrs. Robards, two sons and two daughters, still survive him. His faculties were unimpaired to the last. He was an indulgent husband, father and master; just in all his dealings, temperate and frugal in his habits, preserving through life much of the type of the olden time—a free unfettered race. He was hospitable and kind without ostentation, as the writer of this article well knows, having received many proofs from himself and family. Like many others in Virginia at that early period, he had been raised up in the established church, the Church of England, and still adhered to that faith, though he was not a communicant, that church not having ever been established or instituted in this community. He was buried on the 7th day of December and the Rev. James Taylor, of the Methodist church, read the beautiful and impressive service of the Episcopal church. We laid him gently down under his own forest tree, near the home he loved so well, where he had lived for more than fifty years, and

“Here the lamented dead in dust shall lie,
Life’s lingering languors o’er, its labors done;
Where waving boughs, between the earth and sky,
Admit the farewell radiance of the sun.
And here the impressive stone, engraved with words
Which grief sententious gives to marble pale,
Shall teach the heart; while waters, leaves and birds,
Make cheerful music in the passing gale.”

J. G. H.

Harrodsburg, Kentucky, December 15, 1858.

Will of Joseph RoBards

I, Joseph Robards of Breckenridge county, Kentucky, being old but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

Section 1. I devise to my wife absolutely, six negroes, viz.: Judy, Malinda, America, Margaret, a man Clayton, and a boy named Davy—also a claim I have on the United States Government for 1,000 acres of military land or whatever may be got in lieu of it, to dispose of as she pleases, including the future increase of said slaves.

Section 2. I also devise to my wife (Nancy Robards), for and during her life, the following property, viz.: The farm on which I reside, and the tract of land containing about 5-14 acres, all my stock, farming utensils, debts due me personally, except such as I may specifically devise in this will to others; also the following slaves, viz.: Bob, Buck, Marriah and Crecy, and at her death these four slaves and their increase in future to be sold or divided into five equal parts. To Alfred Robards, Eliza Willson, Luther Robards, and Elizabeth Cowherd each one-fifth and the fifth part to the children of Zeno Robards, deceased.

Section 3. I will and devise (to take effect at my wife's death) to my son, Alfred Robards, the tract of land above divided to his mother for life conveyed to me by three separate deeds, by Edwards, by Parrot and by Beavin, making in all about 5-14 acres, which deeds are here referred to for a full description.

Section 4. I will and devise to my daughter, Eliza Wilson, the sum of \$200.00, two hundred dollars, to be paid out of my personalty after the death of my

wife. This I give her to make the negroes I heretofore gave her equal in value to those given to her sister, Elizabeth Cowherd, the slaves heretofore given to Eliza Willson are Patty, Kitty and Harriet, which gift I hereby confirm.

Section 5. I devise to my children, Lather and Alfred Robards, Eliza Willson and Elizabeth Cowherd, each an undivided 1-4 part of 1,000 acres of land in Callaway county which I have conveyed to them, which I hereby confirm, I have also conveyed to Elizabeth Cowherd the slaves herein devised to her with some other personal property and give the same into her possession, which I hereby ratify and confirm, my said daughter is to make no charge for the hire of said slaves or be charged for board, etc., while she remains in the family. I devise that no appraisement of my estate be made until after my wife's death.

Section 6. I have heretofore conveyed to my son, Alfred, a tract of land on the Tar Fork of Clover and now devise to him two beds, bedsteads and furniture, my desk, one dining table and cupboard, two cows and calves and twenty head of sheep, but not to be taken until after his mother's death unless she consent to it.

Section 7. At the death of my wife the whole of my estate not herein divided is to be equally divided among all my children, the children of Zeno Robards, deceased, to take but one share in place of their father, and his children are not to be charged for raising or board while they live with me or my wife. I consider in this will I have done justice to my wife and children, taking in consideration what I have done for them heretofore.

Section 8. I hereby authorize my wife if she deem it right to sell and convey the home farm devised to her for life and then to Alfred Robards by and with the consent of Alfred, in that event Alfred is to have the proceeds of the sale subject to his mother's use of it for life.

Section 9. I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Nancy Robards my executrix with full power to carry out the provisions of this will—and as I am not in debt request the court not to require security of her. After the death of my wife if Alfred is living with her he is to have the provisions on hand, finish the crop, and have half of it for the support of the family and hands.

Witness my hand and seal this 2d day of September, 1854. Signed, sealed and published before J. Jennings, Wm. Moorman, W. Hussley.

JO. ROBARDS.

This is entered as a codicil to my last will and testament: It is my will and desire that after the death of my wife Nancy Robards that my son Alfred Robards shall have all of my stock of every description except one mare colt which I give to my daughter Elizabeth Cowherd and I also devise to Alfred Robards all of the farming utensils and wagon and one half of the kitchen furniture and also one half of the present year's crop of tobacco, and the other half of the tobacco and all of the grain raised on the farm to my wife. The request is made to my son Alfred in consideration of his remaining with and taking care of his mother.

As witness my hand this 5th day of December, 1858. Witness Nathan Board, Samuel B. Abell, Louis Ichenhauser.

JOSEPH ROBARDS.

Kentucky, Breckenridge County, Set.

County Clerk's Office, December 20th, 1858.

The foregoing will was this day produced in court, duly and legally proven, and to be recorded. The said will being proven by the oaths of J. Jennings and Morris Hussley subscribing witnesses thereto who made oath that the testator signed and acknowledged said writing to be his last will and testament in their presence and in the presence of Wm. Moorman and other subscribing witness that the said Moorman signed it in their presence and that they signed it in the presence of each other in the presence of the testator and that they believed the said testator to be of sound mind and disposing memory.

Attest F. M. Jolly, Dp. clerk.

Also the foregoing codicil was on the same day and at the same time produced in court and duly and legally proven by the oaths of Nathan Board and Samuel B. Abell subscribing witnesses thereto who made oath that the testator signed it in their presence, by making his mark and that they signed it in his presence and in the presence of each other and that they believed him the said Robards to be of sound mind and disposing memory, the said codicil was at the date thereof declared to them by the testator to be a codicil to be annexed to his last will and testament which was ordered to be annexed and ordered to be recorded accordingly.

Att. F. M. Jolly, Dp. clerk.

A copy attest,

Geo. W. Jolly, Clerk.

Will of Nancy Robards.

I, Nancy Robards of Breckenridge county, Kentucky, being sound in body and mind do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

1. I devise and will to my son Alfred Robards the following slaves viz. America, Davis, Fredreck, Harret, and Ben. He is also to have choice of two others Malinda or Clara and Margaret and Green the choice to be made after my death, I also devise to him the increase of all said slaves after this date. The other two slaves left after his choice with their future increase I intend for the benefit of Luther Robards, but as they are unwilling to go south to live I wish my executor to sell them here to good masters and pay him the proceeds of sales, as I devise the same to him, I also charge the support of old Judy on Alfred Robards to whom I devise her for that purpose.

I have debts due me and money to the amount of about \$1300.00 out of which I make the following devises:

2. I devise to Eliza Wilson a note I have on her husband and Alfred Robards for about \$102.00 and interest amounting to over \$200.00 and hereby release the payment of said note, I also devise to her the sum of one hundred dollars in cash to be paid by my executor to be paid out of said fund.

3. I gave to my son Luther Robards some time ago the sum of three hundred dollars which gift I hereby confirm, and devise to him out of the share fund the sum of four hundred dollars to be paid in like manner.

4. I devise to the children of Zeno Robards deed. one hundred and fifty dollars each, to be paid in like manner.

5. I devise the residue of said sum and whatever else I may have to Alfred Robards, if said sum should be lost the said money devised are not to be paid out of other legacies but are to lose of said sum full short proportioned according to the amount.

I hereby appoint Alfred Robards executor of this my last will with full power as such to carry out this my last will, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of February 1862, in presence of J. Jennings, William Miller Jr.

her

NANCY x ROBARDS

mark

I make and ordain this as a codicil to the foregoing will and make the following alterations, in the first clause of said will I devise Alfred Robards two of four slaves, his choice to be made after my death, in lieu of that devise, I now devise to said Alfred two of said absolutely, viz. Margaret and Green and their future increase forever, the other two slaves to be disposed of for the benefit of Luther Robards as stated in said first clause.

In the second clause of the above will I devise to my daughter Eliza Willson the sum of \$100.00 in cash, that clause is hereby revoked and set aside, in the 4th clause of said will I devise to the two children of Zeno Robards dec'd the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars each which I hereby reduce and change to one hundred each instead of \$150.00 each as stated in said will.

7. I hereby will and devise to my grand-daughter Eaun Robards the sum of one hundred dollars.

6. I hereby will and devise to my grandson Wm. Robards out of said \$1300.00 fund the sum of three hundred dollars.

8. I give and devise to my grandson Joseph Robards, a good horse to be paid him by my executor. The above devise for money is to be governed and controlled by my said will as to the falling short or loss of said \$1300 and in case of loss to share pro-rates. It is distinctly understood that in case of said sum or any part of said sum be lost those money legatees are to be paid out of said sum only.

Witness my hand this 28th day of May 1862, signed sealed and delivered in presence of J. Jennings, William Miller Jr.

her
NANCY x ROBARDS
mark

I certify that the above is a true copy of the will of Mrs. Nancy Robards dec'd.

Att. G. P. Jolly clerk.

These wills were furnished me by Miss Lillian Robards, of Madisonville, Kentucky.

Some Old Letters.

A copy of a letter written to Joseph Robards by John B. Thompson.

Frankfort Ky. 20th Dec. 1829

Joseph Robards Esq.

Dear Sir. I rec'd yr note by Maj Sterret. I am unable to give you any partieuclar information in relation to you or yr brothers about Clover Bottom, or Armstead claim land—I can only respond to yr general enquiry that I have heard you had such claims—your brother I presume can give you the information you desire if you will inform what it is.

Benj Harden Esq tells me that the deed which was sent up a year or two ago for your brother G. to execute for a piece of land which you sold Harden—

was intertined by me (under your brothers orders) so as to make it peerport to embrace all the land, which you had saved—also tells me that he intends and will give you a writing correcting the mistake—I would advise you, when Mr. Harden comes to yr court to get him to execute such writing and have it recorded for fear after you and he, may both be taken out of this world, some difficulty may arrise, about it among those who may follow you.

Buckner is nominated Judge—I have no fear of his passing—Maj Sterrett will give you all passing new—your relations in the will—my respects to your lady.

JOHN THOMPSON.

A copy of a letter to Joseph Robards, from George Robards, dated Harrodsburg, Ky., Feb. 16th, 1812.

D. Brother I will be short in the first place. I have sold your part of land on with the other legates, which: in \$13.33cts. in the next place I have drawn, for you two negroes, belonging to the estate of my mothers estate, \$523.—was said to be her part agreeable to the judgment of Gideon Higgins George Bulcher and Buckner Miller. I have seen my brother Jesse and he is so surprised that he tells people that the division shall not stand and will try to have the division over wy fathers estate. Why to bring all into confusion and if this is the case you and Lewis Robards, will have to return the negroes of my mothers estate for I cannot store the property that I furnish her with as to good. The negroes are marked and you must come up and do something with them and collect \$77.—from the legatees to pay the balance to the others which was valued to \$77.—more than our part. I send \$20. Bank-note on the bank of Russelville as I can't get no other.

GEORGE ROBARDS.

On the back of the letter was the following:

Received the within \$20.00.

J. ROBARDS.

Also \$77.00 due the legatees.

The letter was written, folded, and sealed with sealing wax as envelopes were unknown, on the back was the address

Mr. Joseph Robards

Breckenridge county,

State Kentucky.

Letter written to Joseph Robards by George Robards.

Mercer County, November 10. 1821.

I have Rec'd two letters from- you I- have answered them by post, I do not no how to be more fully understood; than I have informed you, I stated in the first place that David Bayster had been out, and seen the land, or lands, watter: and in his opinion it would not be advisable: to attempt: to a division in the land, for said Bayster assigns his reason in the same as Archabald told you, that there was, only about 200 acres of land fit for cultivation: Bayster offered his claim for what he gave: to me or, N. Curd, Curd consulted Aarcher on the situation: and I, believe told what he has told you with respect to the land, South of Tennessee: I can only say that I have done all in my power, having no papers to justify myself more than I have done whether it is surveyed or not I cannot tell; I wrote to Major Crougham; and he wrote back, I sent a copy of Crougham letter to Sam McKee; by David Bell, which Bell informs me he gave it to David McKee, brother of Sam McKee who was one of the Dup-ety Surveyors; as to the direct Tax, I have paid and can only say that Wm Harden is in possession by the collection of Lexington: I wrote to you to have

suit brought against Joseph Lewis in my name for the Division of our part of land. Stating we had lost part of Land and perhaps might loose the whole, and that I had expended about \$300.—to adjust the claim for the heirs of Wm Robards, which I failed in getting the decree of the court of appeals, I have lost all my young negroe women, I can only say with old David, I am determined to go on my own way; all the negroe women that I own, is old Hannah, Fanny, and Libbia, none else, as God is in heaven; I want to see Brother William to make a settlement about the cost of the Suitt, he would not settle unless he knows how much land you sold and what you got for it I produced my paper you sent by Archer and your letter to me, I told him that you never sent me omne dollar. The letter was before him, I send you two kinds of Tobacco seed the one Little Fresuk and the other Big Boram, each Bagg of seed has the name of the kind of Tobacco written on a piece of paper. David Bayster has all the Paper Respecting the place Warter Lands, Jesse assigns to me 400 aeres, to David Bayster 250 aeres, and the ballance to you, and Bayster gave up Jesse Bond, I have done the best for you and myself in that: ease; if Bayster fails in getting Deed, we must fail; I am sorry that your wife is in a low state of health tell Naney not to drink any tea or coffee, but to live on buttermilk and Rye mush the family give their love to you and all the family

GEORGE ROBARDS.

The address on back of letter,

Mr. Joseph Robards,

Harden county,

Kentucky.

Jesse Robards Family

Jesse Robards (page 9), son of William, Sr., and wife, Elizabeth (Lewis) Robards, was born in Goochland county, Virginia, April 19, 1762, died in Garrard county, Kentucky, December 22, 1845, aged 83 years, 8 months, 3 days.

He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving three years—from October, 1778, to January, 1781; was sergeant under Captains Duke, Leak, and Woodson,—Colonels Taylor, Fleeming, and Nathaniel Morris; he was at the burning of Richmond, and skirmish below that place in July, 1781.

He married in Louisa county, Virginia, January 21, 1788, to Frances Ann Perkins. She was born January 21, 1767; was a daughter of Joseph Perkins. Their children were, viz.: Thomas, born August 15, 1789; Robert, born August 21, 1791; Nancy, born May 4, 1793; Elizabeth, born June 6, 1795; Joseph, born August 31, 1797; Kitty, born January 16, 1799; Ellender, born October 9, 1800; Frances Ann, born November 15, 1802; Jefferson, born January 28, 1804; Jesse, born —, 1806; Polly, born September 15, 1810; John, born October 25, 1812. He applied for pension August 20, 1832, while a resident of Garrard county, Kentucky; pension was granted; his widow was allowed a pension on application executed March 6, 1848, while a resident of Mercer county, Kentucky. She died testate in Mercer county, Kentucky, at the advanced age of 93 years.

Sale Bill of Jesse Robards

John Robards,	to 1 wagon	\$47.50
Same	1 ax & hammer	.12½
Same	3 Crocks	.28
Same	1 old saddle	Note .95
Same	1 coffee pot, etc.	.31
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		\$49.16½
E. Gill	lot of playings, etc.	\$ 2.00
Same	1 log chain	.87½
Same	1 pair of stretchers	.93
Same	1 saw	Note 1.68
Same	1 pair of stretchers & hammer	1.00
E. Arnett	1 roan horse	Note 25.00
G. Moore	1 sifter, etc.	Note 1.87½
Francis Robards	1 table	.80
Same	1 beaureau	Note 2.10
Same	1 clock	2.00
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		\$86.92½
Same	1 cupboard	4.75
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		\$91.67½
John Best, Stylaras, etc.	pd.	1.25
John Mock, 2 jointers	pd.	.10
Wm. Farley, 1 grindstone	pd.	1.12½
Our note on D. Lankfort		36.00
Our dow on G. Moore for		7.00

I. Yantis, Admr.

I do certify that the foregoing is a true inventory of the estate of Jesse Robards, dec'd as came to my hands as also a sale bill. Given under my hands this 5th May, 1846.

I. Yantis, Admr.

Commonwealth of Kentucky,

to-wit:

Garrard County.

This sale bill of the estate of Jesse Robards, deceased, was produced to the Garrard County Court at its May term, 1846, examined, approved and ordered to be recorded and the same is accordingly done.

Given under my hand this 13th May, 1846.

Alex. R. McKee, Clerk Garrard County Court,
State of Kentucky,

Set.

Garrard County,

I, J. A. Doty, clerk of the Garrard County Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the sale bill of Jesse Robards as appears on record in my office. Given under my hand this, the 22d day of June, 1909.

J. A. Doty, Clerk.

By W. A. Doty, D. C.

Will of Francis Robards

In the name of God, Amen. I, Frances Robards, of Mercer county, do make, and constitute this my last will and testament.

I wish my debts paid and my Funeral expenses.

I hold a note on Dr. Thos. I. Moore, for \$275.00 of this note I give to my daughter, Kitty Strange, the sum of \$114.65 cts. to my daughter Nancy Guinn, I give the sum of \$77.85, to my daughter Polly Baker, I give the sum of \$82.50, cts. If I collect this note I intend to give these sums to each child (daughter) as herein stated alive, if the note is not collected it is when collected to be paid to my daughters as alive. I hold a note on Samuel M. Lewis, for \$300.00. Of this note, I give to the children of my son John Robards Deed, the sum of Thirty five dollars to be equally divided among them and to be kept at in-

terest for them until they respectively arrive at the age of Twenty one, to my son Jeff Robards, the sum of Fifty dollars, to my sons Thomas, Joseph, and Robert, each the sum of Seventy one dollars Sixty-six and 2-3 cts. The rest of my estate after payment of Debts and funeral expenses, I wish and direct shall be used in placing a plain tomb stone over the grave of my deceased husband Jesse Robards, and myself.

I appoint Samuel M. Lewis Exor of this my last will and testament Oct. 23, 1857.

Test: Phil. B. Thompson

Nancy P. Thompson

her

FRANCIS X ROBARDS

mark

Mercer County Sct. October, County Court, 1860.

The foregoing last will and testament of Francis Robards Deed. was this day produced into Court and proven by the oaths of P. B. and Nancy P. Thompson, two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Att., Thos. Allen, Clk.

A copy att., W. J. Poteet, Clk. M. C. C.

By Geo. F. Robards, D. C.

Phil. B. Thompson and Nancy P. Thompson are grandson and daughter of Capt. George Robards of Revolutionary fame.

1. Thomas Davis Robards, married first Nancy Combs, second Mary Boles, third Sarah (Boles) Fogglesong.

2. Robert Robards, married Nancy Piper, December 21, 1816; had one child. Emaline Robards; she married Judge Young. Robert Robards died in Danville, Kentucky.

3. Nancy Robards, married Peter Guinn; had two daughters, Cynthia and Fannie. Nancy (Robards) Guinn died in Columbus, Bartholomew county, Indiana.

4. Elizabeth Robards, married Samuel Corn; lived and died near Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

5. Joseph Robards, married — Whilbite; had two sons, Jesse and John. Joseph Robards died in Illinois.

6. Kitty Robards, married Jacob Strange.

7. Ellender Robards, married William Allen; had five children, viz.: James, Tobitha, Jesse, Francis and William, Jr.

8. Francis Ann Robards, married Robert Anderson; moved to Missouri in 1835.

9. Jefferson Robards, married Eliza Jane Earlee; both died in Mercer county, Kentucky.

10. Jesse Robards, died in Garrard county, Kentucky, unmarried.

11. Polly Robards, married Charles Baker; had four children, viz.: George, Ann, Katie, and Joshua William.

12. John Robards, married Lydia Halley. He died in Mercer county, Kentucky, 1850.

John RoBards Family

12. John Robards, youngest son of Jesse and Francis Robards, was born in Garrard county, Kentucky, October 25, 1812. Lydia Halley, born 1810; were married 1833; their children, viz.: 1. Edward, born 1834 (dec.). 2. William M., born 1838. 3. John Wesley, born 1840. 4. Richard Jackson, 1842 (dec.). 5. Fanny, born 1844 (dec.). 6. Walter Fields, born January 1, 1846. 7. Maggie Bell Robards, born September 18, 1848.

2. William M. Robards, born 1838, in Mercer county, Kentucky. Judeth Chambers, born in Paoli, Orange county, Indiana, 1841; were married in 1860; this family are all dead.

3. John Wesley Robards, born in Mercer county, Kentucky, 1840; married Mary Haggon, 1872; had two children, viz.: George Frances, born August 18, 1875; Mary Augustus, born January 15, 1878. John Wesley Robards and his brother, Walter Fields, were soldiers in the Confederate army: were in the Ohio raid of 1862; were taken prisoners: were exchanged and returned to Kentucky.

John Wesley Robards died October 16, 1909, from a revolver in the hands of editor John G. Pulliam, in the office of the Harrodsburg Herald, after the latter had been shot and painfully injured. He left a son, George F. Robards, department clerk of Mercer county, and a daughter, Mary A. Robards, of Danville, Kentucky.

6. Walter Fields Robards (he went by the name of Bud) was jailor at the time of the terrible tragedy at the courthouse at Harrodsburg, Kentucky, between the Thompsons and Daviess, November 26, 1873. He was born January 1, 1846, in Mercer county, Kentucky, and died 1904. He married Mary Ophelia Schooley; had one son, Price Beauchamp Robards.

7. Maggie Bell Robards, born September 18, 1848; married Edward Cromwell; their children, viz.: Etta Warren, Halley May, Tracy and George Walter. She lives in St. Louis, Missouri.



OTHO ROBARDS
Harrodsburg, Ky.

Jefferson RoBards, Sr., Family

9. Jefferson Robards, born January 28, 1804, in Garrard county, Kentucky. Died September 2, 1882, in Mercer county, Kentucky. He married Eliza Jane Farlee and had four children, viz.:

1. Louisa Farlee Robards married J. M. Clark. They had four boys, viz.: Henry B. (dec.), James M., Earnest Lee, Lewis Jefferson (dec.). This family lives in Sherman county, Texas.

2. Lewis Robards died, aged 14 years.

3. Robert L. Robards' first wife was Mary L. Crowder. Their children were Eliza Jane, Anna D. and Jefferson (dec.).

Eliza Jane Robards married T. T. Meenech; they have two boys, Charles and Thomas Jefferson.

Anna D. Robards married first J. B. Webb, and had one child, Stallaid. Her second husband was Robert Mitchell, deceased. She lives in Spokane, Washington.

Robert L. Robards' second wife was Mary Dugan. They have two daughters, Amelia and Louisa.

4. Jefferson Robards, Jr., born October 6, 1848, in Mercer county, Kentucky. Katie Clair Terhune, born January 26, 1863. They were married October 16, 1883. Have children, viz.: William Otho, born May 19, 1887; Nellie Lou, born October 21, 1892; Hugh Jefferson, born November 28, 1898; infant died October, 1903. He lives near Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Is Democratic in politics. Mrs. Robards' parents were Abraham and Synthia Ann Terhune.

Elizabeth (RoBards) Corn Family

4. Elizabeth Robards (Corn), born in Garrard county, Kentucky, June 6, 1795. Married Samuel Corn. Their children, viz.: Solomon, Mary, Jacob,

William O., Francis. Samuel, Jr., Emily and Elizabeth.

Solomon Corn married Sallie McCrea. Their children, viz.: Eliza A., John, Jessie, William, James, Mary T., Overton, Martha.

John Corn, born in Mercer county, Kentucky, August 29, 1848. Amanda Woner, born May 4, 1854. Were married November 22, 1872. To them were born the following, viz.: William L., January 8, 1874; Maggie T., February 9, 1876; Archie R., May 15, 1878; Georgie Ann, February 16, 1881; Erastus C., August 5, 1883; Thomas K., January 26, 1886; Isaac S., April 4, 1888; Dollie V., April 15, 1890; Cecil M., January 20, 1895. John Corn moved to Johnson county, Indiana, December 1, 1889. His wife, Amanda A. Corn, died June 4, 1908.

From Historians of Indiana

The emigrants who settled in Indiana at an early day came over the traces made by the Indians. One of these routes was by way of the falls at Louisville, Kentucky. This trail ran north through Bartholomew and Johnson counties connecting other trails that joined the Delaware towns and Wabash villages in the north part of the state. The main trail went by way of "Big Spring" in the Hopewell neighborhood and is the route taken by Thomas D. Robards when he came to Indiana from Garrard county, Kentucky, in 1818.

This Indian highway leading to and from the "dark and bloody ground" was doubtless traveled by many a war party going to and returning from Kentucky settlements, and there is a strong probability that white captives have been led by dusky warriors through the primitive woods of this country.

long before white hunters were venturing beyond the hill ranges of the Ohio.

At the time Indiana was admitted into the Union as a state (April 19, 1816) the Delaware Indians were undisturbed possessors of the White river country. The pioneer who came to Indiana could not have remained for any length of time had it not been for the game which was so abundant on every hand. They for weeks at a time had no other food than the bear, deer and wild turkey meat, roasting the white oak acorns and eating them in the place of bread with their meat. They would gather the seed of the wild rice and wild barley and mix it with the roasted acorn, pounding it all up together, making ash cakes of the meal thus obtained. On such food as this with a bountiful supply of meat the old pioneers subsisted, but as soon as they could clear the ground and raise a patch of corn this was all done away with, and the meal made from the corn seasoned with rich bear grease and made into bread was used and these hardy people prospered and grew fat. They were perfectly healthy and the children made the strongest men and women. Dyspepsia and kindred stomach troubles were unknown. There was but little opportunity of obtaining an education, yet they were students of nature and every day learned useful lessons that stood them in need for self-protection and the protection of their families. The clothing of the men and boys were in keeping with their daily life, and made mostly of bear skins. When this was well dressed it made comfortable and serviceable shirts, leggings and coats. Sometimes the women made their petticoats of the same material. The deer, elk and buffalo skins furnished the material from which all footwear was made.

In an early day there were many scattered herds of buffalo in all sections of Indiana but no such droves as hunters were used to seeing on the great western plains.

In most cases the first settlers were young men just married, who, with their young wives, their ax and rifle and such other property as they possessed, came into the wilderness. They then cut the logs for their cabin, would carry the logs and put them up, covering the cabin with boards made with their axes and putting poles on to hold the boards in place. Cracks between the logs were stopped by wedging in pieces of timber and then filling it full of mud. A hole was cut in the side for a door and often the only door shutter was a bear skin. The floor and carpet were mother earth. For a bedstead they would drive a fork into the ground from the side and end of the cabin, then put a pole in the fork and end of cabin, then another pole into the fork and into the cracks between the logs. They made a table the same way only it had for a top a thick board made with an ax. The chimney was made with sticks and mud, always built on the end of cabin and on the outside. For seats a three-legged stool was used.

These brave people did the best they could to have the comforts of life but they had very little to do with. Not a nail nearer than a hundred miles. The settler and young wife, his cabin, rifle, ax and possibly a horse were all his earthly possessions, but he was rich in good health, determination and pluck. -With his ax he cleared a few acres for corn and vegetables, with his rifle he had plenty of the choicest meat and skins of bear, deer, otter, beaver and raccoon to exchange for salt, ammunition and a few

necessaries of life, when he could get his fur to market several miles away.

During the summer months while the women were at the fort their husbands were in the wilderness watching for the Indians. The pioneers were determined to drive them away so that the danger to their families would cease. They met them on their own ground and succeeded in driving them out of their region, and on the ruins of the savage wigwams this beautiful country has been made.

Thomas Davis Robards Family

1. Thomas Davis Robards, born in Virginia, now Garrard county, Kentucky, July 16, 1789. Was in Captain George McAfee's company Fifteenth (Slaughters) Kentucky Militia, war of 1812. When he returned home from the war he engaged in the milling business, such as they had in those days (water power and grist mills). It was his misfortune to meet with disaster. The flood came and prevailed against his property and it fell, thereby rendering him low in finances and forced him to emigrate to a new country. In the year 1818 (in his 29th year) he married Nancy Coombs, a daughter of Clayton Coombs, and with what household goods he had, moved to Bartholomew county, Indiana, in a one-horse wagon. He came by way of the Indian trail from the falls at Louisville, Kentucky. He lived in Bartholomew county, Indiana, until 1828, when he moved to Johnson county, Indiana, where he entered land in what is known as the Hopewell community.

When he came to Johnson county it was a wilderness, and there were yet some Indians. A few miles from his farm was a tribe of Indians known as the

Delawares, on White river. One could look over the wide, deep and rapidly flowing river and see the pebbles that lay on the bottom, and the rolling uplands were covered with great forests that grew from a soil of wonderful richness.

The woods were full of wild animals, deer, wild turkey, raccoon, squirrel, etc. (and it is said by some now living) men were employed to watch the corn-fields with shot guns to keep the squirrels from eating the crop. (Today we have laws to prohibit the killing of squirrels.)

Thomas D. Robards and Nancy Combs were married in Kentucky, December 25, 1818. Their children:

Harvey, born in 1820. (Deceased.)

Edward, born in 1822. (Deceased.)

Zerilda, born in Bartholomew county, Indiana. November 17, 1824.

Landon, born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, November 12, 1826.

Alexander, born in Johnson county, Indiana. December 25, 1828.

Twin infants, born in Johnson county, died in December, 1830.

Nancy (Combs) Robards died in January, 1831.

May 12, 1833, he married Mary Boles. Their children, viz.:

Arthusa, born December 29, 1833; Esther, January 14, 1835; Frances, October 4, 1836; Jesse D., February 18, 1838; Elizabeth, September 14, 1839; Jane, March 15, 1841; Thomas, 1843 (dec.); Joseph, April 14, 1846; John Donald, April 30, 1848; Sarah Marie, 1850 (dec.); Lewis Taylor, February 15, 1852; Matilda Ann, February 20, 1854.

Mary (Boles) Robards died in 1863. November

20, 1864, he married Sarah (Boles) Fogglesong, a sister to his second wife. They had no children.

Thomas D. Robards died testate, August 6, 1866, aged 77 years, 21 days. He left a large farm and a large family. Politically, he was a Democrat.

Will of Thomas D. Robards

I, Thomas Davis Robards, of Johnson county, and state of Indiana, make this my last will and testament:

My will is that after my death my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of my personal property, as hereinafter: I give and bequeath to my wife, Sarah Robards, the following articles, to-wit: One gray mare, one cow, five head of sheep, one sow and pigs, one-half of all my household and kitchen furniture and enough of wheat, corn and meat to support her and my two minor children, Taylor Robards and Matilda Ann Robards, for one year after my death. The articles above mentioned to be chosen by herself.

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Matilda Ann Robards, one hundred dollars in money and one bedstead and bedding.

I give and bequeath to my son, Taylor Robards, fifty dollars in money and one gray colt, the colt he now claims as his own. The remainder of my personal property to be sold and the money divided equally among all my children.

I give and bequeath my real estate as follows: To my wife, Sarah Robards, the following described land during her life time and at her death to be divided equally among my heirs at law, to-wit: The east half of the northeast quarter of section one, in township twelve, north of range three east, contain-

ing sixty-five and 52-100 of an acre, and situate in Johnson county, Indiana. The remainder of my real estate to be divided equally or as near as can be between all my children living at the time of my death. If any of them are dead then their shares to go to their children.

My will is that the share of Arthussa Doty, wife of Christian Doty, be taken off of the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of section thirty-six, township thirteen, range three, and it is my intention that she shall have the equal share above described during her natural life, and at her death to be divided equally among her children living at the time of my death. If any of them are dead then their share to go to their children.

And it is my will that the share of Francis Haymaker, wife of Phillip Haymaker, be taken off of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section thirty-six, township thirteen, range three, and it is my intention that she shall have her equal share above mentioned and described during her natural life and at her death to be divided equally among her children.

The remainder of my children, to-wit, Zerilda Ransdell, wife of James Ransdell, Landon Robards, Alexander Robards, Ether Robards, Elizabeth Haymaker, wife of John Haymaker, Jane Isaacs, wife of William Isaacs, Jess Robards, Joseph Robards, John D. Robards, Lewis Taylor Robards and Matilda Ann Robards, to secure their share of the real estate in fee simple, and I hereby appoint Landon Robards and James Ransdell executors of this my last will and testament, made this 4th day of August, 1866.

THOMAS D. ROBARDS.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence

of J. S. Farris and Isaac S. Brown. The state of Indiana, Johnson county: Be it remembered that on the 16th day of August, 1866, Jonathan S. Farris, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within and foregoing last will and testament of Thomas D. Robards, late of said county, deceased, personally appeared before Clerk Common Pleas of Johnson county, in the state of Indiana, and being duly sworn by the clerk of said court, upon his oath, declared and testified as follows, that is to say, that on the 4th day of August, 1866, he saw the said Thomas D. Robards sign his name to said instrument in writing as and for his last will and testament and that this deponent at the time heard the said Thomas D. Robards declare the said instrument in writing to be his last will and testament, and that the said instrument in writing was at the same time, at the request of the said Thomas D. Robards and with his consent attested and subscribed by the said Isaac Brown and J. S. Farris, in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other, as subscribing witnesses thereto, and that the said Thomas D. Robards was at the time of signing and subscribing of said instrument in writing as aforesaid, of full age, that is, more than twenty-one years of age, and of sound and disposing mind and memory and not under any coercion or restraint, as the said deponent verily believes, and further deponent says not.

Sworn to and subscribed by the said Jonathan S. Farris before me, John W. Wilson, clerk of said court, at Franklin, the 16th day of August, 1866.
State of Indiana, Johnson County.

I, John W. Wilson, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Johnson county, Indiana, do hereby certify that the within annexed will and testament of

Thomas D. Robards has been admitted to probate and duly proved by the testimony of Jonathan S. Farris, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, that a complete record of said will and of the testimony of said J. S. Farris in proof thereof, has been by me duly made and recorded in Book "A," at pages 246 and 47-48 of the Record of Wills of said county. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Franklin, 16th day of August, 1886.

John W. Wilson, Clk. Johnson Co.

State of Indiana,

County of Johnson.

I, Joseph A. Schmith, clerk of the circuit court, within and for the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing will and testament of Thomas D. Robards, is a full, true and complete copy of the will and testament of Thomas D. Robards as the same appears of record in this office. Witness my hand and seal of this office at Franklin, Indiana, this 21st day of April, 1909.

Joseph A. Schmith,

Clerk of the Johnson Circuit Court.

Children of Thomas D. Robards

1. Zerilda Robards married James Ransdell, August 6, 1844.
2. Landon Robards married Emma S. Combs, daughter of Joseph A. Combs, a granddaughter of Clayton Combs.
3. Alexander Robards married first, Frances Jacobs; second, Rebecca (St. John) Clark, June 18, 1853.

Half Brothers and Sisters

4. Arthusa Robards married Christian Doty, May 1, 1853.

JOSEPH ROBARDS
Kokomo, Ind.

ARTHUR A. (ROBARDS) DOTY
Burgersville, Ind.

ZEPALDA (ROBARDS) RANDELL
Franklin, Ind.

JOHN D. ROBARDS
Kokomo, Ind.

5. Eather Robards married Angeline Haymaker, September 10, 1854.

6. Frances Robards married Phillip Haymaker, April 17, 1853.

7. Jesse D. Robards married Sarah French, August, 1867.

8. Elizabeth Robards married John Haymaker, 1854.

9. Jane Robards married William Isaacs, May 29, 1860.

x10. Joseph Robards, born April 14, 1846. Unmarried.

11. John D. Robards married Sarah E. Dermit, October 2, 1867.

12. Lewis T. Robards married Sarah A. Harden, February 1, 1874.

13. Matilda Ann Robards married Jackson Jacobs, October 1, 1870.

x10. Joseph Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, April 14, 1846. Unmarried. Enlisted in the Civil war September 12, 1864. First Indiana Regiment Heavy Artillery, Company F. Discharged July 28, 1865, at New Orleans, Louisiana. Entered regular army, July 23, 1866. Served in Sixth Cavalry U. S., Company K.

Zerilda (Robards) Ransdell Family

1. Zerilda Robards, born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, November 17, 1824. When she came to Johnson county with her parents she was only four years old. Related to me the story of the "Old Log Cabin" with its earthen floor her father built in 1828. August 6, 1844, she married James Ransdell. They had eight children:

1. Nancy Emmarine Ransdell, born December.

29, 1845, died May 4, 1865. Married Conrad H. McClain; had one child, which died in infancy.

2. William Alexander Ransdell, born March 18, 1848; married Solona Ann Vannuys, March 14, 1872; nine children: 1 Gertrude, born July 27, 1873, died August 10, 1874; 2 Charles Romeo, born June 11, 1875; 3 Harvey Elmond, born May 10, 1878, died November 3, 1879; 4 infant, born December 26, 1880, died January 3, 1881; 5 James Winfred, born May 16, 1882, married Bertha Bohall, November 4, 1904, and have two children, Ethel Irene, born March 13, 1906, Paul Vannuys, born October 6, 1908; 6 Margaret Ann, born March 17, 1885, single; 7 Mary Alice, born June 3, 1888, single; 8 Bertha Ellen, born January 14, 1891, died June 6, 1893; 9 Tunis Donald, born December 18, 1895.

3. Thomas Jefferson Ransdell, born April 1, 1851; died December 19, 1854.

4. Mary Adeline, born July 8, 1853; married Christopher C. Jenkins, September 27, 1877; had three children, viz.: Attie Marsellus, born August 20, 1878, died March 27, 1884; Otto Byson, born December 9, 1880; infant, born February, 1883, deceased. Adeline Jenkins died November 21, 1883. C. C. Jenkins died May 8, 1885, aged 34 years.

5. John Harvey Ransdell, born March 13, 1856, died April 10, 1877.

6. Lucy Ann, born May 4, 1859, died May 22, 1882; married Joseph Covert, September, 1878; had six children, Leota, Basil, Addie Lee, Hazel, Cecil Ellen and Lucy.

7. Ephram Herriott Ransdell, born September 26, 1861, died July 11, 1864.

8. Martha Alice Ransdell, born October 12, 1864, died November 17, 1874.



JOHN A. ROBARDS
Franklin, Indiana



KATHERINE (ROBARDS) UTTERBACK



MY FATHER AND MOTHER, BOTH DECEASED

Zerilda (Robards) Ransdell lives in Franklin, Indiana.

Landon RoBards Family and Descendants

2. Landon Robards, born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, November 12, 1826; married in Johnson county, Indiana, December 25, 1845, to Emma S. Combs, a daughter of Joseph A. Combs, a granddaughter of Clayton Combs. They had the following children, viz.:

William Edward, born October 15, 1846; Nancy, born October 26, 1848; Mary Jane, born June 22, 1850; Joseph Marion, born April 17, 1852, died August 16, 1852; Thomas Jefferson, born June 22, 1853, died April 21, 1862; Zachariah, born April 6, 1855, died May 18, 1857; John Alexander, born May 1, 1857; Martha Ellen, born September 5, 1859; Margaret Isabell, born September 9, 1862; Catharine Emaline, born January 1, 1865; James Harvy, born October 18, 1866; Elmer, born January 22, 1868, died 1868; two infants died without name; Isaac Donald, born January 28, 1874, died June 18, 1875.

After marriage he rented his father's farm for seven years, taking a lease, during which time he made many extensive improvements. In October, 1852, he moved to his own farm, having bought eighty acres, for which he paid \$15 per acre. In a short time he exchanged 160 acres in Iowa for forty acres joining him. To this 120 acres he kept adding and at the time of his death he owned 331 acres. In bringing this farm from bog to dry fields, he had not only water but plenty of timber to contend with. He spent a good deal of money in laying tile drains on his farm and today (1910) the farm divided

among his children, which cost him \$15 per acre in 1852, will sell for \$150 per acre.

Landon Robards died January 29, 1895, aged 68 years, 2 months and 17 days. He was a lifelong Democrat. Emma (Combs) Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, April 15, 1827, died November 9, 1895, aged 68 years, 9 months and 24 days. They were buried in the family lot in the beautiful cemetery at Hopewell, Indiana.

1. William Edward Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, October 15, 1846. Was twice married; first wife was Levina Jane Jacobs, married November 29, 1868; had five children, viz.:

1 William Henry, born August 9, 1869. He married Laura C. Cook, August 16, 1890; their children, viz.: Dessie May, born March 19, 1891, married Wiley Smith, October 24, 1909. Arnold, born October 22, 1892; Virgil, born October 23, 1894 (dec.); Keith Verne, born October 30, 1899; David Edward, born September 22, 1902; Russell Glen, born January 10, 1905 (dec.).

2. Landon Austin and Milburn Oscar, twins, born September 1, 1871 (dec.).

3. Mertilda Alice, born December 31, 1872 (dec.).

4. Ollie May, born August 28, 1874; married John L. Plummer, March 10, 1898; one son, John Edward, born September 28, 1900, died October 3, 1900; one daughter, Isabelle Lavina, born April 23, 1910.

Lavina J. Robards died November 15, 1874. His second wife was Sarah Ann Carmine; married February 17, 1876. No children. Politically, he is a Democrat. Lives in Bargersville, Indiana.

2. Nancy Robards, born October 26, 1848, died March 2, 1871, aged 22 years, 4 months and 6 days.



WILLIAM EDWARD ROBARDS



MARY J. (ROBARDS) POWELL McCLAIN

Married William Miller, February 28, 1867; had two children, viz.: Clara E., born March 23, 1868. She married Wayne Utterback, February 6, 1889. Edward Elmore Miller, born January 3, 1870, in Johnson county, Indiana. Mary Elizabeth Johnson, born January 7, 1875, in Johnson county, Indiana, married January 22, 1896; have two children, viz.: Paul Leon, born October 14, 1896; David William, born December 31, 1898, died January 6, 1908.

3. Mary Jane Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, June 22, 1850, married first Silas Allen Powell, June 25, 1872; had three children, viz.: William Leonard (and twin sister, dec.), July 8, 1873; Emma Alice, born April 15, 1874, died in Cumberland county, Illinois, August, 1879. Silas Allen Powell died September 12, 1874. William Leonard Powell, born July 8, 1873, married Lulu Bell Johnson, August 22, 1895. She was born March 3, 1873; have one daughter, Anna Johnson, born July 4, 1899. Mary Jane Powell married second George B. McClain, September 17, 1878; had four children, viz.: Freddie McClain, born November 1, 1883. He married Lizzie Trosper October 3, 1906. Twins, boy and girl, born August, 1885 (dec.); infant girl, born February 8, 1887 (dec.). Mary J. McClain lives near Bargersville, Indiana.

4. John A. Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, May 1, 1857; married Dorinda Susan Utterback, February 20, 1879; have children, viz.: Leona Beatrice, born March 28, 1880; Florence, born November 28, 1881, died February 5, 1892; Mabel Clair, born January 13, 1884, married Edward Brummeier, December 9, 1908; one son, Landon Preston, born December 15, 1909, died December 21, 1909; Lella Pearl, born January 31, 1886; Georgie, born Septem-

ber 24, 1888, died January 22, 1892; David Fletcher, born January 6, 1892; Ruby Lillian, born October 9, 1893; Donnell, born August 14, 1896; Dorist Gleen, born May 24, 1899; Forest, born April 26, 1901. John A. Robards lives near Bargersville, Indiana, and is a staunch Democrat.

5. Martha Ellen Robards, born September 5, 1859; married Cornelius Jefferson Cook, August 19, 1880; had two daughters, viz.: Lora Lavina, born July 2, 1881, married William Basil Spurgeon, September 5, 1901; have four children, viz.: William Arthur, born December 16, 1902; Agnes Myrtle, born February 7, 1904; Lena Pearl, born April 15, 1905; Carl Cornelius, born June 15, 1909. Lessie Pearl Cook, born August 3, 1883, married Robert K. Mathena, June 17, 1900; their children, viz.: Lawrence Cook, born May 2, 1902; Donald Deer, born March 3, 1904; Mildred Iona, born March 27, 1906; Martha Clara, born April 24, 1908. Martha Ellen Cook died March 28, 1883, aged 26 years, 7 months and 23 days. Buried in Hopewell cemetery. No stone marks her grave.

6. Margaret Isabell Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, September 9, 1862; married Wayne Utterback, July 25, 1883; had two children, viz.: Dessie May, born February 29, 1884, died August 22, 1884; Hazel, born September 20, 1886, died January 13, 1892; Margaret Isabell Utterback died October 19, 1886, aged 24 years, 1 month and 10 days. She and two daughters are buried in the Hopewell cemetery.

7. Catharine Emmaline Robards was born in Johnson county, Indiana, January 1, 1865; married Blufford D. Utterback, December 21, 1882. Their children, viz.: Stella Myrtle, born May 23, 1884, died June 10, 1887; Neva Jane, born May 27, 1889; Ray

Robards, born August 29, 1892; Emil Deer, born October 6, 1896; Russell D., born June 27, 1903, died August 15, 1903. Katie E. Utterback lives where her father bought land for \$15 per acre in 1852, and where he died (1895).

S. James Harvey Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, October 18, 1866. Married Ursula Jane Dorrell. She was born in Howard county, Indiana, November 12, 1865. Only daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Harrell) Dorrell. Her parents are of German descent, who came from a colony of Pennsylvania Germans. James Harvey Robards and Ursula Jane Dorrell were married December 25, 1887. To them were born five children, viz.: Daniel Landon, April 15, 1890, died January 11, 1892; infant, stillborn, September 25, 1892; James Oscar, August 25, 1894; William Arthur, August 31, 1896, died January 5, 1898; Flossie Ursula, born August 3, 1898. In politics he is a Democrat.

This (Landon Robards) family are all successful farmers. When we travel over the country and see the fine farms, good roads and fine buildings of today and read of the condition of our grandfathers and grandmothers of one hundred years ago, we pause and think, and an exclamation forces itself upon us. How changed, everything is altered. It is another world. What wrought this change? Come let us look back. Not everyone that came stayed. Some found the conflict too severe and left. Those who were made of sterner stuff fought the battles with a courage and tenacity of purpose that gave them the victory in the end. There were no drones in those days, with but few exceptions all were toilers. Farms had to be cleared and houses had to be built (but not the kind we have today), all log houses with earthen

floors. All stood in need, at one time or other, of their neighbors' services, and all freely gave when called upon.

But with all the toil and hardships of the time there was a social life. The labors of the day fostered sociability. Men worked together. They joined forces at corn planting time. Old and young dropped and covered the grain side by side. And when winter came, the evening fire from the huge fireplace sent out a genial, wholesome heat (unknown to patrons of the modern stoves of today). There were but few books to read in those days; some fewer newspapers. And what man or woman, now living, remembers the mother of the house sitting up making new or patching the frayed clothes of her children long after the others of the family were sunk in slumber.

Blessed be the memory of the dear, old, patient fathers and mothers of the land.

The "Bargersville Correspondent" of the Franklin Democrat of Friday, April 20, 1892, says:

"One hundred and one persons enjoyed the day together on last Sunday at the home of one of our respected citizens. When Uncle Landen and Aunt Emma Robards returned from church, to their great surprise, they found a few of the neighbors had gathered in and had dinner about ready awaiting them. But the surprise was yet to come, when they looked back and saw forty or more buggies coming in after them from church. It was 1 o'clock before all had got there, as Brother Wilson had a little rubber, or something else, in his sermon that morning a little "stretchy." A thirty-foot table was loaded down until its legs looked almost unsafe with not only a



LONA B. ROBARDS



NANCY (ROBARDS) MILLER, DEC.

few good things but with everything that culinary art could devise for such an occasion. Uncle Landon was placed at one end of the table and his good wife at the other, nine of the oldest women on the one side and nine of the oldest men on the other. Thanks was offered by Brother Wilson, after which all enjoyed as sumptuous a dinner as ever was spread before either the oldest or the youngest. But the good minister could not understand why it was that the beauty was all on the other side of the table. The second, the third, the fourth and the fifth tables were surrounded and then there was enough left to feed as many more. The writer will have to say of all birthday dinners we have ever witnessed, this one was the greatest. It was one long to be remembered by those present. The kind old people received many nice presents, including a beautiful swinging lamp, presented by the children. After wishing the two old friends many more such days, all departed to their respective homes."

The birthday referred to being the 65th birthday of Mrs. Emma Robards, wife of Lander Robards.

Alexander RoBards Family

3. Alexander Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, December 25, 1828, on a farm in the Hope-well neighborhood. He was not yet eighteen years of age when the war, in 1846, occurred, between Texas and Mexico. His age, preventing him enlisting as a soldier, he joined the army as a drummer boy.

In the Great Republic, Vol. III, page 121, Historian John Frost gives an interesting account of the "Battle of Buena Vista."

Alexander Robards was married to Frances

Jacobs (date not known), and moved to Lancaster, Keokuk county, Iowa. They had one child, Nancy Jane, born November 14, 1850, at which time his wife died. The daughter died January 21, 1864, aged 14 years.

June 18, 1853, Alexander Robards married his second wife, Rebecca (St. John) Clark, widow of Dr. Clark, and a sister of ex-Governor John P. St. John, of Kansas. They were married in Lancaster, Keokuk county, Iowa. To them were born four children, viz.:

1. Franklin Pierce Robards, born in Lancaster, Iowa, October 19, 1857, died February 21, 1861. 2. Mary Emma, January 7, 1861, in Wyandotte City, Kansas (Territory). 3. William Thomas, October 6, 1863, in Johnson county, Kansas. 4. John Alexander, November 29, 1866, near Monticello, Johnson county, Kansas.

Alexander Robards enlisted in the Union army February 21, 1865, in Company D, Tenth Regular Kansas Volunteer Infantry. Mustered out August 30, 1865. After the war he gave up farming and entered the sawmill business, clearing large tracts of land in eastern Kansas. He died January 23, 1874, in Johnson county, Kansas. His wife died one year later, January 25, 1875.

Mary Emma Robards Family

2. Mary Emma Robards, born January 7, 1861, in Wyandotte City, Kansas (now Kansas City, Kansas). Married John H. Davis, September 27, 1879, in Johnson county, Indiana. Their two children, viz.: Léora Verne Davis, born July 5, 1880, died September 21, 1903, married George L. Swift, May, 1898; had one son, Clarence Edward, born February 9,



MARTHA E. (ROBARDS) COOK, DEC.



MARGARET I. (ROBARDS) UTTERBACK

1900. Clarence Everett Davis, born September 27, 1882, married Mattie Bills, December 24, 1908.

Married Harry Oliver Butler, April 27, 1896; have two boys: Gail Algernon, born December 6, 1896 (dec.): Yale Rollin, born August 22, 1899.

William Thomas Robards Family

3. William Thomas Robards, born October 4, 1863, in Johnson county, Kansas, where he lived until March 26, 1875, when he moved to Johnson county, Indiana, where he lived with his aunt, Zeralda (Robards) Ransdell. When 29 years of age he moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, May 30, 1892. He married Mary Mabel Ransdell, August 9, 1894. They have two daughters, viz.: Edith May, born June 27, 1895; Marjorie Catherine, born July 26, 1897. In politics he is a Republican.

John Alexander Robards

John Alexander Robards, born in Johnson county, Kansas, November 29, 1866. After the death of his father and mother he lived with his aunt, Zeralda (Robards) Ransdell. He married Maggie Pierson, June 25, 1887; had one daughter, Mabel. After a short time he divorced her and married Tinnie Tell, of Olney, Illinois. They have three children, Prosper, Tell and Marie. Is Republican in politics.

Arthusa (Robards) Doty Family

4. Arthusa Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, December 29, 1833, married Christian Doty, May 1, 1853, by John R. Surface, at the home of her father, Thomas D. Robards. To them were born nine children, viz.:

1. Infant, September 3, 1854 (dec.).

2. Melissa Jane Doty, born October 1, 1856, married William H. Groseclose, October 10, 1878. Had six children, viz.: 1 Levi Otis Groseclose married Cora Seabaugh; 2 Arlie Groseclose (dec.); 3 Lester Groseclose; 4 Ada Groseclose married George Baker; 5 John Groseclose; 6 Infant (dec.).

This family live near Randles, Cape Girardeau county, Missouri.

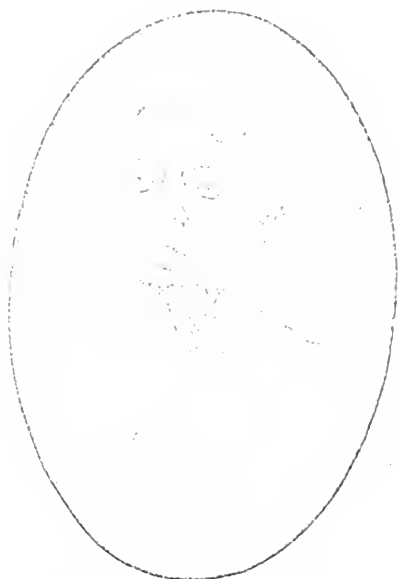
3. Rhoda Ann Doty, born October 8, 1858, married John T. Bishop. Had four children, viz.: 1 Clara Thelma (dec.); 2 Myrtle Bishop married Thomas Davis; 3 Lester Arley; 4 Ida May Bishop, born June 23, 1893, in Pinkneyville, Illinois.

4. Mary Elizabeth Doty, born September 24, 1860, died January 23, 1910. Married Charles E. Underwood, August 28, 1888. Had three children, viz.: 1 Hazel Jane Underwood, born April 30, 1890. She married Elza D. Henderson; have daughter, Edna, born September 15, 1907; 2 Charles Olin Underwood, born May 12, 1895; 3 Arnold Taylor Underwood, born November 4, 1896, died February 16, 1909.

5. Caroline Laverne Doty, born September 16, 1862, married Cornelius Jefferson Cook, January 19, 1887. Have four children, viz.: 1 Oma Clair Cook, born March 12, 1888, married Donnell E. Deer, June 26, 1907; have one daughter, Helen Marie. 2 Ora Taylor Cook, born September 28, 1891. 3 Chester William Cook, born April 19, 1893. 4 Denzel Cook, born April 15, 1902, died January 10, 1906.

6. Sarah Catharine Doty, born September 13, 1864, married Ira A. Matheny, January 29, 1885. Have three children, viz.: 1 Infant, born December 3, 1887; 2 Bertha Florence, born February 1, 1889; 3 Opal Leona, born June 3, 1895.

7. Lewis Taylor Doty, born June 28, 1869, single.



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8. Myrtle Ellen Doty, born July 14, 1872 (dec.).

9. Jesse William Doty, born April 17, 1874, married Stella May Kerlin, January 25, 1898. Have two sons, viz.: Orville William, born July 24, 1900; Virgil George, born February 26, 1907.

Christian Doty, born July 8, 1833, died March 5, 1894. His widow lives in Bargersville, Indiana.

Eather Robards Family

— 5. Eather Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, January 14, 1835, died January 3, 1892, in Carroll county, Indiana. Angeline Haymaker, born in Johnson county, Indiana, January 6, 1839, died January 24, 1897, in Carroll county, Indiana. They were married September 10, 1854, by Peter D. Jacobs, a justice of the peace. Moved to Carroll county, Indiana, 1876. Had five children, viz.: 1 William Barney; 2 Eli; 3 Ezra Erastus; 4 Susan; 5 Belle.

William Barney Robards' Family.

1. William Barney Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, April 3, 1860. Delilah A. C. Fry, born in Benton county, Arkansas, April 25, 1856. They were married May 23, 1878. Had nine children, viz.:

1. Rose Bettie Robards, born March 10, 1879, in Parke county, Indiana. Joseph L. Lopp, born November 3, 1874. Were married in Parke county, Indiana, July 8, 1899. Their children, viz.: Cyril Eugene, born June 2, 1900; Emil Von, born September 17, 1901; T. Pearl, born March 21, 1902. She lives in Parke county, Indiana.

2. Nora Nell Robards, born in Parke county, Indiana, February 7, 1881. Charles B. Hays, born May 23, 1884. Were married February 7, 1901.

Have children, viz: Agnes Loretta, born March 25, 1905; Milford Lyle, born May 25, 1906; Vester Lamont, born August 8, 1907. She lives in Logansport, Indiana.

3. Dora Pearl Robards, born February 27, 1883. Died October 29, 1896.

4. William Rudolph Robards, born March 14, 1885. Died October 10, 1896.

5. Sarah Susan Angeline Robards, born November 16, 1889. Died September 28, 1896.

6. Goldie Blanch Robards, born January 25, 1891.

7. Eather Elma Robards, born January 22, 1893.

8. Livona Bell Robards, born August 12, 1895.

9. Delilah Jane Robards, born November 25, 1901.

The three children that died in 1896 died of diphtheria. Wm. Barney Robards lives on a farm near Judson, Parke county, Indiana. Politically he is a Democrat.

Dr. Ezra E. RoBards Family

3. Ezra Erastus Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, November 22, 1869. Early life spent on the farm in Carroll county, Indiana. Taught school. Graduated from Central College of Physicians and Surgeons of Indianapolis in 1904. Post graduate Hospital of New York, 1907-8. Member of Knights of Pythias and Masonic orders. Married to Magdalena L. Baier, of New York City, June 26, 1908. She was born in New York City, October 19, 1879. They have a son, John Ezra Cather Robards, born April 30, 1909. Dr. Ezra E. Robards is now located at Shelburn, Sullivan county, Indiana. In politics he is a Democrat.

Eli Robards Family.

2. Eli Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana. (Failed to write me.) Married Laura Bryson, of Carroll county, Indiana. Have two children, Laverne and Virgil Robards. He lives near Burlington, Carroll county, Indiana.

4. Susan Robards.

5. Bell Robards.

Frances Robards (Haymaker) Family

6. Frances Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, October 4, 1836, died January 13, 1893, aged 56 years, 3 months, 9 days.

Phillip Haymaker, born May 22, 1831, died April 7, 1877. They were married April 17, 1853. Had seven children, viz:

1. William Thomas Haymaker, born February 10, 1854, died March 10, 1860.

2. Mary Jane Haymaker, born February 14, 1856, married Isaac Newton Harper, July 29, 1872. Born to them, six children, four boys and two girls. The first, a girl, born September 21, 1873, died at birth. Lee Homer Harper, born January 16, 1875, married Marianda Etter in 1901. William Walter Harper, born September 8, 1879, died August 5, 1880. Edgar Otis Harper, born October 8, 1881, died 1894; was drowned in Little Wabash river in Illinois. Roy Taylor Harper, born July 8, 1892. Jessie May Harper, born June 9, 1894.

3. Nancy Susan Haymaker, born April 8, 1858. James Coleman, born September 14, 1858. Were married July 6, 1878. Born to them nine children, viz.: Lydia Frances Coleman, January 30, 1880. She married Julian Strahl, July 1, 1899. Olla Mabel Coleman, April 2, 1883. Married Pearl Haines, Novem-

ber 29, 1900. Lora Alice Coleman, June 21, 1889. Married Amos Edd McConnell, January 4, 1908. Twins, Mary R. and Sarah J. Coleman, July 1, 1892. Sarah J. died January 22, 1893. Charles R. Coleman, March 23, 1896, died January 2, 1897. James C. Coleman, Jr., March 20, 1898. Infant, July 6, 1900, died August 24, 1900. Mildred M. Coleman, August 14, 1903.

This family live near Greenfield, Hancock county, Indiana.

4. Sarah Isabella Haymaker, born September 10, 1860. William Carver Perry, born October 8, 1856. Married October 8, 1879. Two children, viz.: Elzy Edward Perry, born August 17, 1880, and Ada Cinderella Johnson, born August 20, 1883, were married November 11, 1903. Have three children, viz.: Hazel May, born February 28, 1905, died January 16, 1906; Sarah Mable, born May 15, 1906; Mary Susie, born February 23, 1907.

2. Bessie May Perry, born November 18, 1886. Edward C. Cunningham, born September 2, 1882. Were married November 25, 1903. Have three children, viz.: Hazel May, born February 10, 1904, died same day; Florence Isabelle, born November 28, 1905; Carl Arthur, born October 18, 1907. This family live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

5. Robert E. Lee Haymaker, born March 18, 1865. Maggie Surface, born December 8, 1865. Married October 6, 1892.

6. Flora Alice Haymaker, born in Johnson county, Indiana, November 22, 1868. Single; lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.

7. George Riley Haymaker, born September 7, 1877. Fronia Fain, born April 15, 1882. Were married March 13, 1904. Have three children, viz.: Lee

Ora, born July 6, 1905; Viola Belle, born March 12, 1907, and Bertha Haymaker, born February 21, 1909.

Jesse D. RoBards Family

7. Jesse D. Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, February 18, 1838, died in Clay county, Illinois, May 10, 1895. Married Sarah French, August, 1867. Moved to Clay county, Illinois, the same year. Had five children, viz.:

1. William Taylor Robards, born July 12, 1868. He married Ida Greenwood, March 2, 1890. Have three children, viz. Carrie, born 1881; Landly, 1894; Andrew, 1904; Carrie Robards married ——— Limes. She lives near Louisville, Illinois. W. T. Robards lives near Mason, Illinois.

2. John Wesley Robards, born May 6, 1871. He married Heady Blair, April 19, 1893. One child, Verie, born 1895. John W. Robards died in Clay county, Illinois, 1899.

3. Hallie Robards, born June 25, 1875, married J. M. Tucker, November, 1893. Live near Champaign, Illinois.

4. Grace Robards, born June 5, 1884.

5. Jesse C. Robards, born June 23, 1888, married Carrie Jane Rexroad, November 1, 1909. Live near Bible Grove, Illinois.

Elizabeth (RoBards) Haymaker Family

8. Elizabeth Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, September 14, 1839. John Haymaker, born July 17, 1834. Were married in 1854. Had six children, viz.:

1. Mary Ellen Haymaker, born December 9, 1856. Christopher Columbus Harper, born February 6, 1852. Were married September 30, 1875. Have

three children: Maud Udell Harper, born November 8, 1876. She married Frank Doty, October 29, 1892. He was killed by lightning, April 6, 1909. Left a wife and son, Floyd Christopher Doty, born June 17, 1905. Nannie Elnora Harper, born January 30, 1878, married William Finley, January 26, 1898. Had one daughter, Pauline, born February 27, 1899. Divorced: married William Riley Myers September 11, 1901. Have son, Oren Wilman, born October 26, 1906. Ernest Grafton Harper, born April 26, 1879, married Maud May Waddell, November (Thanksgiving day), 1902. Have daughter, Glenda Marie, born March 10, 1905.

2. Emma Jane Haymaker, born August 19, 1859, married James Irvin Scott, August 20, 1875. Born to them six children: 1 Elizabeth A., born August 9, 1876, died October 14, 1876; 2 John N. Scott, born April 30, 1878, married Maggie Polley November 27, 1901; 3 Everett C. Scott, born July 5, 1880, married Josie DeHart June 24, 1897: have two children, Mabel, born July 6, 1898 (still born); Samuel Irvin, born April 15, 1900; 4 Gilbert I. Scott, born October 14, 1881, died April 8, 1882; 5 Anna Jane Scott, born May 12, 1883, married Charles C. Perry January 8, 1905; 6 Mabel E. Scott, born January 25, 1885, married James B. Perry October 15, 1904; have one daughter, Irene Mildred, born August 18, 1907.

3. John Morgan Haymaker, born November 20, 1863. Dora May Tracy, born March 15, 1870. Were married November 20, 1889. Have three children, viz.: Cecil Robards, born January 11, 1891; Inez, born December 20, 1892; Roy Alvis, born February 2, 1899.

4. Albert Oliver Haymaker, born November 1, 1865, married Toka V. Watson (nee Beck), September

ber 25, 1892. Have children, viz.: James, born August 23, 1893; Lola Fern, born March 25, 1895; Mary Elizabeth, born December 29, 1898, died February 24, 1900; Gilbert Ray, born February 26, 1902; Russel Paul, born November 20, 1903.

5. *Matilda Ann Haymaker, born March 1, 1869, married Samuel S. Jacobs, February 5, 1891. He was born March 26, 1862, died January 10, 1888. Left one son, Grover C., born November 4, 1884. She married Mary Preston Mink, February 28, 1891. He was born March 7, 1867. Have three daughters, viz.: Linnie Garnet, born November 13, 1891; Zella Pearl, born January 11, 1893; Floy Edna, born July 31, 1901. *She lives in Scott county, Indiana.

6. Milford Franklin Haymaker, born April 28, 1874, married Lou Emma Surface, December 17, 1892. Have two children, viz.: Vinnie Rose, born December 17, 1895; Donald Clare, born August 28, 1905.

Jane (Robards) Isaac Family

9. Jane Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, March 15, 1841, died in Milan, Sullivan county, Missouri, September 16, 1888. William Isaac, born in Leeds, England, March 6, 1834. Were married in Johnson county, Indiana, May 29, 1860. Born to them ten children, viz.:

1. Rachel Mary Isaac, born in Bangersville, Indiana, May 11, 1861, died September 29, 1862. Buried at Hopewell, Indiana.

2. Agnes Victoria Isaac, born in Bangersville, Indiana, December 29, 1862, married Charles W. Brown, September 16, 1894. Have two children, Millard Isaac and Helen Mae. Live in Milan, Missouri.

3. Henry Jesse Isaac, born in Bangersville, In-

diana, February 14, 1865, married Sallie Maggart, February 16, 1887. Have children, viz.: Harry Wilson and Bertha M. He lives in Oakland, California.

4. Fannie Rebecca Isaac, born in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28, 1867, died July 23, 1868. Buried at Hopewell, Johnson county, Indiana.

November 27, 1868, John (Robards) Isaac and family moved to Sullivan county, Missouri, where the following children were born:

5. Joseph Davis Isaac, born August 30, 1869.

6. Estie Leah Isaac, born June 2, 1872, married Thomas F. Bayles, December 24, 1894. Have one son, Kyle Bayles. Live in Milan, Missouri.

7. Maggie Annie Isaac, born November 9, 1874.

8. Charles Edward Isaac, born August 21, 1877, died September 8, 1891. Buried at Milan, Missouri.

9. Minnie May Isaac, born September 20, 1879, married Charles R. Dicus, June 3, 1903. Have three children, viz.: Eunice, Dora, Agnes. Live in Douglas, Arizona.

10. Rossie Mabel Isaac, born August 13, 1883, died August 7, 1894, in Milan, Missouri.

John Donald Robards Family

11. John Donald Robards, born in Johnson county, Indiana, April 30, 1848. Enlisted in Civil war September 1, 1864. Served in the Twenty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Discharged in October, 1865. Is a member of Post No. 30, Grand Army of the Republic, at Kokomo, Indiana. Is a Democrat in politics. Served four years as township trustee. He married Sarah E. Dermit, October 2, 1867. To them were born nine daughters, viz.:

1. Catharine Robards, born in Howard county, Indiana, June 3, 1869.

2. Elizabeth Ann Robards, born in Howard county, Indiana, August 18, 1871. She married Calvin Leroy Miller, August 28, 1893. Have children, viz.: Paul Virgil, born January 7, 1894, died April 8, 1895; Russel Leroy, May 15, 1896; Agnes Blanch, born March 20, 1898; Marie, born March 12, 1901, died 1908; Lula May, born July 8, 1903; Opal Anita, born July 2, 1905; Clarence Eddison, born March 12, 1908.

3. Laura Robards, born October 30, 1873, died August 13, 1874.

4. Maudie Robards, born October 25, 1874, died May 2, 1878.

5. Myrtle Robards, born November 22, 1876, died June 9, 1878.

6. Lula Emma Robards, born in Howard county, Indiana, September 24, 1879, married Merrell Emmitt Jackson, September 3, 1902. Have two children: Donald Hutching, born October 2, 1905; Mildred Bernice, born May 8, 1908.

7. Fern Robards, born February 3, 1882, died November 11, 1884.

8. Pearl Olive Robards, born January 30, 1885, married, August 31, 1909, to Clement Earl Studebaker, of Spokane, Washington.

9. Ruth Victoria Robards, born January 30, 1889, in Howard county, Indiana.

Lewis Taylor Robards Family

12. Lewis Taylor Robards, born near Franklin, Johnson county, Indiana, February 15, 1852. Sarah Adaline Hardin, born in Hardinsburg, Washington county, Indiana, February 21, 1854. Were married in Clay county, Illinois, February 1, 1874, where they lived until September 20, 1881. They moved to Kan-

sas and located in Parsons, Labette county, October 20, 1881. Eight children were born to them, viz.:

1. Carrie Victoria Robards, born in Clay county, Illinois, November 19, 1875, married Charles C. Stephens, September 12, 1891. Have four children, viz.: Leota Fay, born in Parsons, Kansas, July 12, 1892; Herman Adolph, born January 26, 1892; Sarah Mae, born December 2, 1907, in Kansas City, Missouri; Raymer Marie, born September 16, 1909, in New Raymer, Colorado, the first babe born in that town.

2. John Eather Robards, born in Clay county, Illinois, October 20, 1877.

3. Mary Ann Robards, born in Clay county, Illinois, November 19, 1878.

4. Walter Thomas Robards, born in Clay county, Illinois, July 9, 1881.

5. Roy Lee Robards, born in Parsons, Labette county, Kansas, January 4, 1884.

6. Leila Wilson Robards, born in Parsons, Labette county, Kansas, May 24, 1887, died August 12, 1888.

7. Guy Taylor Robards, born in Parsons, Labette county, Kansas, June 15, 1889.

8. George Neff Robards, born in Parsons, Labette county, Kansas, August 11, 1892.

Lewis Taylor Robards died in Parsons, Kansas, March 21, 1894, aged 42 years, 1 month, 6 days. Sarah Robards, his widow, lives in Kansas City, Missouri. This family of voters are all Democrats.

Matilda Ann (Robards) Jacobs Family

13. Matilda Ann Robards, youngest daughter of Thomas D. and Mary (Boles) Robards, was born in Johnson county, Indiana, February 20, 1851. 1860

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New Raymer, Col.

JOHN ROBARDS
Kansas City, Mo.



May 10, 1881, aged 27 years, 2 months, 19 days. Jackson Jacobs, born October 27, 1859, died July 25, 1881, aged 31 years, 8 months, 28 days. Were married October 1, 1870. Had four children, viz.:

1. Everett Jacobs, born July 29, 1871. Bertha E. Vandiver, born October 15, 1877. Married, September 23, 1894. Have children, viz.: Ruth, born April 3, 1895; Charles, born April 23, 1897; Elmer, born February 2, 1900; Russell, born February 9, 1902; Mary, born October 8, 1904; Earnest, born January 14, 1908.

2. Milburn Loyd Jacobs, born August 20, 1873, died July 15, 1895, aged 21 years, 10 months, 25 days. Unmarried.

3. Ward E. Jacobs, born September, 1876, married Grace Smith.

4. Stella Myrtle Jacobs, born September 7, 1878, died April 15, 1903. Married Henry Axt, December 10, 1902.

Death, at all times, is sad, but her death was doubly sad. Her death was one of the most pitiful and agonizing that we have been called upon to chronicle in recent years. To her physician she cried for help in her last moments when she realized that death was near. It was heartrending to him to know that she was past medical aid and was slowly bleeding to death.

Words or pen are inadequate to express that deathbed scene. She passed beyond the veil at the hour when the eastern sky was beginning to show the light of another day. Left an orphan in childhood, she united with the Christian church in girlhood and lived an exemplary christian life. She was for a number of years organist at the church and taught a Sunday school class.

To know her was to love her. Her character was beautiful. She had a noble heart that beat in loving sympathy for all mankind. She was a graduate from the musical department of Franklin College, 1901. Buried in Greenlawn cemetery at Franklin, Indiana.

William Robards Family

(Page 18.) William Robards, son of William Robards, Jr., and wife, Eliza Lewis, was born in Kentucky (date unknown). Married Doreas Maxwell (unable to get date of marriage and death). Five children born to them: Sarah, Zarilda, Ella, William A. and John M.

1. Sarah Robards, twice married, first to ——— Barkley. Had two children, Sarah and Bettie. Second, Hiram Yates. Two children, Edward and Lillie.

2. Zarilda Robards married William Lemon. Had five children: Doreas, Sarah, Elinora, Joe (girl), and William.

3. Ella Robards married Henry Meyers. Two children, Elinor and Frank.

4. William A. Robards, born 1817, married Edmonia Neilson. Four children: Mary E., Dedia A., William A. and Edmond R.

5. John M. Robards, born May 8, 1825, married Ann E. Phillips. Eight children: Doreas, Elinor, Warner, Mary, Minnie, Katherine, William and Frank.

William Alvan Robards Family

4. William A. Robards (page 18), son of William and Doreas (Maxwell) Robards, grandson of William Robards, Jr., was born in Lexington, Fayette county, Kentucky, 1817; died September 2, 1891.

Married August 13, 1844, to Edmonia Randolph Neilson. She was born in Prince William county, Virginia, April 6, 1824; died March 11, 1909, in Columbia, Missouri.

William A. Robards was elected Attorney-General of Missouri in 1848. Was also inspector of penitentiary. He died during his term of office.

To William and Edmonia (Neilson) Robards were born four children, viz.: 1 Mary Elizabeth Robards, born January 24, 1846, married Dudley Webster Clark, of Columbia, Missouri, December 24, 1867. Have seven children, namely:

1. William Robards Clark, born July 9, 1870; unmarried; lives in Columbia, Missouri.

2. Richard Clark, born January 2, 1872, married Lucile L. Hamilton October 6, 1896. Have three sons: Joseph M., born November 22, 1897; Charles O., born October 12, 1900; Edward Richard, born January 7, 1904.

3. Frank Clark, born July 10, 1873, married Mrs. Etta Hazelett October 9, 1903. Live at Bluffs, Illinois.

4. James Gorden Clark, born March 10, 1877, died April 15, 1889.

5. Dudley Webster Clark and 6 Edmond Randolph Clark, born January 13, 1877; unmarried.

7. Mary Elizabeth Clark, born June 15, 1879; unmarried.

2. Dedia A. Robards, born February 28, 1848; unmarried. Lives in Columbia, Mo.

3. William Alvan Robards, Jr., born January 21, 1849; married; had no children; died at Phoenix, Arizona, in 1887.

4. Edmond Randolph Robards, born September 2, 1851.

John Milton RoBards Family

5. John M. Robards (page 18), son of William and Doreas (Maxwell) Robards, born May 8, 1825, in Lexington, Kentucky. Died March 24, 1879. Married Ann E. Phillips. To them were born eight children, viz.;

1. Doreas Robards married J. H. Sallee. Have seven children, viz.: Katy, Lella, Nettie, Ruth and John.

2. Elinor Robards married Solen Brown. Have four children, viz.: Robards, Bly, Grace and Hazel.

3. Warner Robards, deceased.

4. Katherine Robards married John Haines. One son, Fred.

5. Mary Robards married James Frost. Have five children, viz.: Audra, Ruben, Lelia, William and Martin.

6. Minnie Robards married Harry H. Cole.

7. William Robards, unmarried.

8. Frank Robards; unmarried; lives in Mexico, Missouri.

Otho RoBards Family

6. Otho Robards (continued from page 19), born February 24, 1794, married Cassie Gregg (nee Pitts), widow of Dr. Gregg, of Scott county, Kentucky. He died in 1868, aged 74 years. She died, aged 89 years. Had eight children, viz.:

1. John Milton Robards, born November 13, 1823, married Isabell Garten November 24, 1857.

2. William Otho Robards, born August 1, 1830, married Augusta Burton.

3. Elizabeth Robards, born 1832, died 1860, unmarried.

4. Younger Pitts Robards, born December 15,

1833, married Nannie White Everhart December 1, 1861.

5. James Henry Rochester Robards married Mary Brooks.

6. Kittie Robards married George Caldwell.

7. Lewis Singleton Robards, born December, 1845, in Jessamine county, Kentucky. Died November, 1896. Married Katie White, May 3, 1871. Had no children. She lives in Wilmore, Jessamine county, Kentucky.

8. Jane Robards, born 1847, died 1850, aged three years.

John Milton Robards Family

1. John Milton Robards, born November 13, 1828, died in Callaway county, Missouri, June 20, 1910. Was Democratic in politics. Married Isabelle Garten, November 24, 1857. Left six children, viz.:

1. Otho G. Robards, born September 10, 1858. Married Mrs. Mary Miller, 1904. Live in Camden, New Jersey.

2. Elizabeth D. Robards, born July 24, 1861, in Marion county, Kentucky. Married James Payne Mitchell November 24, 1881. Live in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Their children are: Robert H. C. Mitchell, born November 4, 1882, in Boyle county, Kentucky.

Mattie J. Mitchell, born May 21, 1884, in Boyle county, Kentucky. Married Paul Goddard March 1, 1905. Have two children, Paul Mitchell and Mamie Curry Goddard.

William Otho Mitchell, born July 30, 1886, in Boyle county, Kentucky.

Sue Bell Mitchell, born July 31, 1891, in Boyle county, Kentucky.

James Payne Mitchell, Jr., born January 13, 1895, in Mercer county, Kentucky.

Edward Lee Mitchell, born May 20, 1899, in Mercer county, Kentucky.

3. Nathaniel F. Robards, born July 28, 1863. Married Phena Harbinson November 17, 1886. Have five children, viz.: Lura, John Milton, Margaret, Otho and Eliza. He lives in Danville, Boyle county, Kentucky.

— 4. William Lee Robards, born June 3, 1867, married Fannie Pelly, October 25, 1892. Have four children, viz.: Bessie, William Lee, Jr., Amelia, Lucile. This family lives in Portland, Jay county, Indiana.

5. Susan Isabelle Robards, born July 13, 1869, married James M. Briscoe, January 4, 1883. Have two children, Topson and Belle Elizabeth. Live in Boyle county, Kentucky.

6. Bertie Allen Robards, born April 6, 1877. Single.

William Otho Robards Family

2. William Otho Robards, M. D., born August 1, 1830. Died in Hendersonville, North Carolina, October 3, 1906. Married Augusta Burton. Had six children, viz.: Lizzie Robards, married C. C. Hugely; Isabelle Robards, married R. L. Davis; Dr. John Burton Robards, married Emma Buster, December 31, 1899, live in Harrodsburg, Kentucky; Richard Burton Robards, married Elizabeth Evans; Robert Allen Robards, unmarried, lives in North Carolina; Eusebia Burton Robards, married Alexander Keith.

Kittie Robards Family

6. Kittie Robards married George Caldwell. Their children, viz.: George R. Caldwell, farmer, near Williamsville, Illinois; Otho R. Caldwell, law-

yer, at Springfield, Illinois; Younger P. Caldwell, farmer, near Williamsville, Illinois; James E. Caldwell, lawyer, at Springfield, Illinois; Cassie May Caldwell, lives near Williamsville, Illinois.

Younger Pitts Robards Family

4. Younger Pitts Robards, born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, December 15, 1833. Married Nannie White Everhart, of Lebanon, Marion county, Kentucky, December 1, 1861. Father of eight children, viz.: Lizzie Lewis, George Caldwell, Maggie Eliza, Younger Pitts, Jr., Sarah Letcher, Ella Pitts, William Otho and Bourne Rogers. He moved from Kentucky to Boone county, Missouri, Thanksgiving day, 1879. He farmed in Callaway county, Missouri, until September, 1897, when he moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he died, July 11, 1900. His political views were Democratic. He served as magistrate of Cleveland township, Callaway county, Missouri, from 1890 to 1894. His widow and daughter, Sarah, are living in St. Louis, Missouri.

1. Lizzie Lewis Robards, oldest daughter of Y. P. Robards, was born in Nicholasville, Jessamine county, Kentucky, November 3, 1866. Married Robert Wallace, of Fulton, Missouri, December 24, 1891. One son born to them, December 16, 1894, Robert Younger Wallace. She is now a resident of Callaway county, Missouri.

2. George Caldwell Robards, oldest son of Y. P. Robards, born July 12, 1869, in Jessamine county, Kentucky. Married Marion Worman, of St. Louis, Missouri, May 9, 1900. Have one daughter, Katharine Masie, born May 31, 1901; one son, George Marion, born September 1, 1909.

George C. Robards lives in St. Louis, Missouri,

and has worked in Caselton Dry Goods House for fourteen years.

3. Maggie Eliza Robards was born near Nicholasville, Jessamine county, Kentucky. August 12, 1871. Married Worcester Miller, of Fulton, Callaway county, Missouri, February 8, 1893. Their children, viz.: George Younger Miller, born August 31, 1895; Katie Lewis Miller, born September 19, 1897; John Robards Miller, born December 6, 1900; Nannie Frances Miller, born August 28, 1902; ———— died August 15, 1908; Worcester Miller, born October 14, 1904; Sarah Lou Ella Miller, born November 19, 1906. They now reside in St. Louis county, near Normandy, Missouri.

4. Younger Pitts Robards, M. D., born March 12, 1873, near Lexington, Kentucky. Became a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, 1892. Married Florence May Atkeson, at Old Orchard, St. Louis county, Missouri, February 17, 1903. She was born February 6, 1876, in St. Louis, Missouri. Two children, viz.: Myrtle Florence Robards, born December 16, 1904, 4217A Norfolk avenue; Younger Hamilton Robards, born April 11, 1907, 4217A Norfolk avenue. Died September 16, 1907.

5. Sarah Letcher Robards, born in Nicholasville, Jessamine county, Kentucky, October 28, 1876. Unmarried. Lives with her mother, No. 6, Rugby Place, St. Louis, Missouri.

6. Ella Pitts Robards, youngest daughter of Y. P. Robards, Sr., born at Nicholasville, Jessamine county, Kentucky, June 8, 1879.

Willis F. Moody, son of S. T. Moody, born in Shelby county, Tennessee, October 10, 1871.

They were married February 17, 1903. Reside in St. Louis, Missouri.

7. William Otho Robards, born in Callaway county, Missouri, August 8, 1880. Married Mamie Miner, of St. Louis, Missouri, February 23, 1905. One daughter, Nancy Margurette Robards, born December 1, 1907.

He is now a resident of St. Louis, Missouri.

8. Bourne Rogers Robards, youngest son of Younger Pitts Robards, Sr., was born in Callaway county, Missouri, October 26, 1882. Married Katie Belle Simpson, of St. Louis, Missouri, March 1, 1904. One son, Bourne Rogers Robards, Jr., born November 19, 1907. He is now a resident of St. Louis, Missouri.

Will of John Robards (Page 2)

I, John Robards, of Mercer county and State of Kentucky, make this writing my last will and testament.

I hereby appoint J. H. Prather and Geo. Dodd my executors of this my will. I hereby direct that my estate be appraised. My will is that after my decease, that all my just and lawful debts be paid, and that my well beloved wife, Meria, shall have all of the balance of my estate during her natural life or so long as she remains my widow for to raise and educate my Three Sons, Nathaniel Andrew, George Madison, and John Henry, provided she makes no unnecessary use or waste of the property. When the children become 21 years old my will is that my wife shall give to each of them a horse, and saddle, and suit clothing as she can spare. But should any the said children become ungovernable by my wife, my will is that they shall be bound to some good trade, that they may be willing to be put to. My will is that after my children become of age, that they are not to interrupt their mother in the peaceable enjoy-

ment of the Plantation, and home, whereon I now live, during her life or widowhood as above named. But should my wife make any useless waste of the property, I wish my executors to attend to it so as to prevent it. My will is that if my wife Miria should marry again and my children thereby should be ill-treated, I wish that my executors should attend to it so as to prevent it.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of May, 1838.

his
JOHN N. ROBARDS (Seal).
mark

George Dodd

A. D. Haynes

Joshua Graham

Mercer County Sec.

August County Court, 1845.

The foregoing last will and testament of John Robards Deed. was this day produced into Court and proved by the oaths of George Dodd and Joshua Haynes, two subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Att. Thos. Allen, Clk.

A copy

Att. W. J. Potect, Clk.

By Geo. F. Robards, D. C.

Will of George Robards (Page 63)

I George Robards of Mercer Ky. do hereby make this my last will & Testament.

Firstly. I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth, the plantation whereon I now live and all the land attached or belonging thereto including fifty acres which I purchased of Charles Lewis and also all the Slaves and personal estate of every kind of which

I may die proposed to be held and used by her during her natural life for the purpose of supporting herself and my three single Daughters. Jane Almira and Casa the personal estate to be used by her at her discretion for the above purpose and also to be used as far as is necessary for the purpose of paying my debts and the Education of my two young Daughters at the Discretion of my said wife, and either of my said Daughters marry then I direct my said wife to give to her a portion in negroes & personal estate equal to what any of my Daughters who are married have received from me.

2nd. After the Death of my said wife I give and Bequeath unto my Son, Archibald T. Robards the lands herein directed to my wife for life expecting of him to Superintend his Mother's business during her life and making it incumbent of him to furnish his three sisters with a home with him in my home after the death of his mother & furnishing them a Comfortable living whilst they or either of them are single and may choose to live with him & completing the education of the two young Daughters, the said lands to be Archibald's forever in fee simple after his mothers death.

3rd. I give unto my son George his choice of my negro boys Jacob or Frank to be delivered forthwith.

4th. After my wife's death & my three single Daughters have received their portion equal to my Daughters who are now married as before Directed, I desire the whole of the personal estate to be equally Divided among all my Children the heirs of such as may be dead at the time taking the share of Dec. Child.

5th. If a claim which I have to one thousand acres of land South of Tennessee bought of Wm.

Armstead in partnership by my Brothers Jessie & myself can be obtained I give it to my two Youngest Daughters Almira & Cathrine. if that 1000 Acres can not be obtained for them, then I give them four hundred acres which I claim in Muhlenburg being my part of a purchase with Boyston & Jos. Robards of John Overton, But if Almira and Cathrine get the 1000 acres then George and Jane are to have the 400 acres.

6th. My land on Clover Creek in Brackenridge & on sinking creek in said County I give unto my Son Lewis. My Daughters Nancy and Sally Eliza and Jane and Mary Atwood also Almira and Cathrine to be equally divided among them share & share alike, the first tract supposed to be 1500 acres the other about 1000 acres.

7th. I direct my Exors. to give out of my personal estate to my Daughter Eliza such sum as will in his opinion make her portion which I give her equal to what her other Sisters rec'd from me as a portion because the negro Girl which she rec'd was not equal in Value to those her Sisters got.

8th. I direct my Exors as soon as practicable to give unto my Daughter Mary Atwood a likely negro Girl between 12 and 18 years of age for which purpose personal estate or a slave may be disposed of. I appoint my Son Archibald my son in law John B. Thompson and my wife Elizabeth Exors and Exes of this my will, and vest them as such as qualify with full power to perform all my contracts.

Given under my hand & Seal this 20th day of March 1825.

Test GEORGE ROBARDS (Seal)

Robert W. Lewis

Nancy

James Campbell

The Devise in the above 8th Item has been complied with by my giving Mary Atwood a negro Boy in place of the Girl there mentioned. Therefore the said 8th Item is revoking so far as relates to said Girl.

Test GEORGE ROBARDS (Seal)

James Mosby

Geo. W. Robards

Mercer County Set. August County Court. 1833.

The foregoing last Will & Testament of George Robards Deed. was this day produced into Court and proved by the Oaths of R. W. Lewis & Jas. Campbell two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is done.

Att. Tho. Allin. C. C.

A Copy

Att. W. J. Potteet. Clk. M. C. C.

By Geo. F. Robards, D. C.

Andrew Jackson and His Wife, Rachel (Donaldson)
Robards

In 1791, Andrew Jackson married Mrs. Rachel (Donaldson) Robards, from whom her husband, Lewis Robards, had obtained a divorce for alleged adultery with Jackson. Two years later doubts as to the legality of the proceedings eventuated in a second performance of the marriage ceremony. Many years afterward, when Jackson had become a political leader, the circumstance of this marriage

led to serious misrepresentations of the husband and much sorrow to the wife. It is believed by many that Robards' criminal accusation against his wife was unfounded, for all bore testimony to her exemplary conduct, and Jackson himself was never accused before or afterward of an unchaste act.—From Historians of Kentucky.

November 26, 1873.

Terrible tragedy in Court House at Harrodsburg, Kentucky, during session of court. Theodore Daviess, Sr., and his son, Larue, killed, and another son, Theodore Daviess, Jr., fatally wounded and died next morning. In a deadly encounter with Phil B. Thompson, Sr., and his three sons, Phil B. Thompson, Jr., John B. Thompson, Jr., and Dr. Daviess M. Thompson. Two other young sons of Theo. H. Daviess, Sr., were present but unarmed, and did not engage in the fray and escaped uninjured. Each of the Thompsons received a slight wound except Daviess, whose clothes were pierced by the bullets. The jailor, "Bud" Robards, was slightly wounded. The Court House was crowded and the excitement caused by the pistol firing was intense and scattered the crowd as summarily as possible. Neither judge, bar, nor lookers-on "stood upon the order of their going." The cause of the fight was a question of veracity between the two fathers in a suit just closing, in which they were the principal witnesses. Both were of prominent families and near neighbors in the town.—Volume 1, "History of Kentucky," by Collins.

Extracts from the Ancient Laws of Virginia

1662.—Every person who refuses to have his child baptized by a lawful minister shall be amerced 2000

lbs. of tobacco: half to the parish, half to the informer.

The whole liturgy of the Church of England shall be thoroughly read at church or chapel, every Sunday; and the canons for divine service and sacraments duly observed.

Church-wardens shall present at the county court, twice every year, in December and April, such misdemeanors of swearing, drunkenness, fornication, &c., as by their own knowledge, or common fame, have been committed during their being church-wardens.

To steal, or unlawfully to kill any hog not his own, upon sufficient proof, the offender shall pay to the owner 1000 lbs. of tobacco, and as much to the informer; and in case of inability, shall serve two years, one to the owner and one to the informer.

The man and woman committing fornication, shall pay each 500 lbs. of tobacco, and to be bound to their good behavior. If either of them be a servant, the master shall pay the 500 lbs. of tobacco, and the servant shall serve half a year longer than his time. If the master shall refuse to pay, then the servant to be whipped. If a bastard be got and born, then the woman to serve her master two years longer than her time, or pay him 2000 lbs. of tobacco; and the reputed father to give security to keep the child.

No marriage shall be reputed valid in law but such as is made by the minister, according to the laws of England. And no minister shall marry any person without a license from the Governor or his deputy, or thrice publication of bans, according to the rubrick in the common-prayer book. The minister that doth marry contrary to this act, shall be fined 50,000 lbs. of tobacco.

All persons keeping tipling-houses without license, shall be fined 2000 lbs. of tobacco; half to the county, and half to the informer.

No master of any ship, vessel, &c., shall transport any person out of this colony without a pass, under the secretary's hand, upon the penalty of paying all such debts as any such person shall owe at his departure, and 1000 lbs. of tobacco to the secretary.

The court in every county shall cause to be set up near the court house, a pillory, a pair of stocks, a whipping post, and a ducking stool, in such place as they shall think convenient: which not being set up within six months after the date of this act, the said court shall be fined 5000 lbs. of tobacco.

In actions of slander occasioned by a man's wife after judgment passed for damages, the woman shall be punished by ducking, and if the slander be such as the damages shall be adjudged at above 500 lbs. of tobacco, then the woman shall have ducking for every 500 lbs. of tobacco adjudged against her husband, if he refuse to pay the tobacco.

Enacted that the Lord's Day be kept holy, and no journeys be made upon that day, unless upon necessity. And all persons inhabiting in this country having no lawful excuse, shall every Sunday resort to the parish church or chapel, and there abide orderly during the common-prayer, preaching and divine service, upon the penalty of being fined 50 lbs. of tobacco by the county court.

This act shall not extend to Quaakers, or other recusants, who totally absent themselves, but they shall be liable to the penalty imposed by the stat. 23 Eliz., viz.: L. 20 sterling for every month's absence.

&c.; and all Quakers assembling in unlawful conventicles, shall be fined, every man so taken, 200 lbs. of tobacco for every time of such meeting.

All ministers officiating in any public cure, and six of their family, shall be exempted from public taxes.

MISCELLANEOUS

Register of St. James, Northern Parish, Goochland County, Va., by Rev. William Douglas

1. Marriage bond of William Robards and Elizabeth Lewis, December 24, 1757. William Robards to Elizabeth Lewis. Security, George Payne, Clerk, Val Wood. Certificate of consent of Joseph Lewis, father of Elizabeth. Witnesses: Wm. Lewis, James Cocke, and John Lewis. This Lewis family came originally from Henrico county. Lewis Robards, one of the fruits of this marriage, married Rachel Donelson, who married, secondly, Andrew Jackson.

March 27, 1756. Benjamin Mitchell to Anna Massie, widow of David Massie. Security, William Perkins. Witnesses, William Mosley and *Susannah Robards.

*Probably a sister of William Robards, Sr.

July 9, 1772. John Robards and Sarah Marshall. Both in Goochland county.

January 3, 1774. Will Robards, Jr., and Elizabeth Pleasants Cocke. Both in Goochland county.

September 7, 1781. Will Robards, Jr., and Eliza Lewis. Both of Goochland county.

1. William Robards and Elizabeth Lewis, married January 5, 1758.

Records of Great Torrington, England, April, 1682.
William Robards buried in Devonshire, England.

Goochland county, Virginia, was taken from Henrico county in 1727.

Albermarle county, Virginia, was taken from Goochland county in 1774. (Virginia History of Henrico County Parish and St. John's Church, 1611-1904.)

Benjamin, son of Willet Robards and Faith, his wife, born October 8, 1749. (Probably a relative of John Robard, colonist. Probably some of his relatives came with him.) We find no further record of them.

Ben Robards married Martha Chase, of Salisbury, December 27, 1789.

Jeremiah Dudley and Mary Robards, both of Salisbury, February 4, 1790.

(Williams and Mary College Notes, from Albermarle Register, Sussex county, Virginia.)

Mrs. Jane E. (Robards) Rogers, born in Mercer county, Kentucky. Widow of J. H. Rogers. Daughter of Archiblad S. Robards. Granddaughter of George Robards and Eliabeth B. Sampson, his wife. Great-granddaughter of William Robards and Sallie Hill, his wife.—Lineage book, D. A. R.

The richest field of history in America is Virginia—the land where the first English colonists strove to gain a foothold in the New World; where primeval savage was first overcome; where the life and manners of the mother country found their closest counterpart; where the great leaders of the greatest movement for freedom were born; where the gigantic figure of Washington first towered above his fellows; where the thinker, Jefferson, studied, and Patrick Henry cried aloud for war. It was here that many of the great battles of the Revolution were fought.

and where, nearly a century later, was to be determined the issue of that greater conflict which has left the fair bosom of Virginia scarred with wounds and her garments soaked in the blood of her children. The theater of two great wars, the birthplace and cradle of statesmen, the home of gentleness, the school of chivalry, the story-book of adventure and romance, every foot of Virginia is historic ground, interesting and necessary to every American who would know the story of his country, or whose blood beats faster at the thought of its heroes.—Saxby's Magazine.

Life in Eastern Virginia, the Home of the Planter.

The term "planter" originally applied to those who cultivated the tobacco plant, an expression commonly used in reference to all agriculturists of the lowlands.

The finest plantations being generally on the fertile banks of some calm flowing stream. The mansion of the planter was located in the middle ground, pleasantly embowered in a grove of locusts. This class formed the majority of the inhabitants, and from it have arisen most of the distinguished statesmen who have shed such luster upon the name of Virginia. Settled, as the eastern part of Virginia was, by old English cavaliers, their descendants have many of the same traits of character.

The introduction of slaves gave them the leisure to cultivate the elegancies of life, to mix in social intercourse, and to become familiar with all current political topics. From this, too, has arisen much of the hospitality for which the planter was known. Nowhere were the wishes and wants of the stranger guest more regarded, and nowhere was the character of a true gentleman held more sacred. The planter

was also noted for his frankness and sincerity. And why should he not be? He did not engage in the strife and turmoil of trade. He had no business secrets. His better nature had not been shocked, and his feelings blunted by familiarity with the devices of the business world. Hence, his address was frank and free, and there was often a child-like simplicity and ingenuousness of manner that charmed the stranger and won his strongest affections. The current of the planter's life ran smooth: and is possessed of a sufficiency, none can live more independently, more free from the distracting cares which often cut short the days of the man of business, and render his pilgrimage here one constant scene of struggle and perplexity.—History of Virginia.

Universal custom has caused all respectable families to feel it a moral obligation to erect some monument to mark the place where their dead are buried: it is a filial and sacred duty to preserve the names of our parents, to record their ages, and the time in which they lived in such enduring form. Such monuments have a beneficial influence on the living, and are protected by most stringent laws; but a "Family History" is a monument more enduring than the sculptured marble, which is worn away by the "tooth of time." A monument of little cost, upon which may be inscribed the names, ages, marriages and deaths of our entire family connections.

In consequence of removals from State to State local monuments erected by loving hands are often far away from friends, who would gladly visit them to read again the epitaphs recorded there: but a family memorial in book form may be carried with us, and kept always ready for reference.

A book of this character has value because it serves a medium to satisfy the natural desire to be remembered when our work of life is finished. Few persons whose lives have been useful in this world are willing to be forgotten, and yet those in the more humble and obscure walks of life must resign themselves to the probability that, in a few years at most, unless their names are recorded on the page of history, they will be lost to memory.

There exists in every heart a fond desire to be remembered by kindred and friends, until so long as there remains one to bear our names, they may possess an authentic and chronological history, from the remote period to the present time.—*Ridlon.*

THE PAST AND FUTURE.

Our hearts turn back to the dreamy past

In spite of the joys of today:

And yet we say the dreamy waste

Has stolen our precious time away.

But hope, our anchor, says: Look on!

The past, if sown in faith, will yield:

The good shall find at death their own,

All garnered from the Master's field.

There lingers in my heart a thought,

Which came to me unbidden:

And, though it gives me deep concern,

I would not wish it hidden.

I've heard that all our actions here

Are by an angel there recorded,

Which gives me hope—and sometimes fear—

Since by our deeds we'll be rewarded.

—*Thoreau.*

Rebeckah Robards Singleton Family.

Rebeckah Robards (page 21) married Lewis Taylor Singleton. Six children, viz: Otho, 2 Milton R., Keene, Thomas, Kittie and Henrietta.

2. Milton Robards I Singleton married Helen Elizabeth Steele in Jessamine county, Kentucky October 18, 1841 moved to Missouri. Died near Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, left three children, viz. 1. Alice Gray Singleton married Wm. B. Kemper, five children, viz: Thompson Singleton Kemper, William B. Kemper, Helen Kemper, Frank Conley Kemper and Katharine Kemper.

2. Thompson Lewis Singleton married Mary Arnold and have three children, viz: Otho Arnold, Milton Robards Arnold II, D. Arnold.

3. Kate Thompson Singleton married Sanford Francis Conley I. February 27, 1868, have five children all live in Missouri.

1. Sanford Francis Conley II married Marion Gertrude Broadhead, April 26, 1899 at Columbia, Missouri, have four children, viz: Gabland Broadhead born February 15, 1900; Katharine Singleton Broadhead born July 18, 1902; Sanford Francis III Broadhead born November 18, 1904; Milton Robards III Broadhead born August 21, 1906, died March 23, 1908.

2. Milton Robards IV Conley, unmarried.

3. William Thompson Conley married Eliza McLand October 15, 1908, have two children, viz: Florence, born August 12, 1906; Flora Katharine, born June 18, 1910.

4. Dudley Steele Conley unmarried.

5. Helen Singleton Conley married Charles B. Miller June 9, 1903, live at Columbia, Missouri, have three children, viz: Baley Miller born August 23, 1904, died August 28, 1904; Charles Dudley Miller born October 22, 1906; Katharine Miller born February 19, 1910.

STORY OF PIONEER LIFE

The Razor Back or Elmpeeler Hog

In this, the age of hurry and progress, it is a pleasure to find a man that can relate the story of the old time "Razor-back" hog driver back in the early forties.

Talk to some of them an hour, and one is impressed with the undeniable fact that things have changed wonderfully. They talk of traces, taverns, hog drivers and other matters pertaining to pioneer life as if it were yesterday. Let them tell you the story of their experience of a hog drive and it will seem like a narrative in fiction, because the mind of the reader cannot picture this country at that time, without even good highways to drive hogs over. Since that day we have passed from the stage coach and canal boat to steam and electric railroads.

The "Hog Chaser" of eighty or one hundred years ago wonder what some young men of to-day would do if asked to drive and herd a drove of two or three hundred hogs to Madison, Indiana, traveling almost the entire distance through woods and along bad highways. They would probably quit the business instantly, particularly if they only received thirty-five to fifty cents a day for their work.

Right at the start the fun began. It would take about twenty-five men and boys to get the hogs started and even with that number, they usually had some pretty smart fights, and boot races before they got them all lined up and all moving in the same direction. Frequently they had a stampede that would take hours to clear up.

Usually they started the long march by having a leather-lunged tellow go ahead of the hogs with a basket of corn. He would shake the corn under their noses, singing the old hog call, "Pee-oo-ie," as he went along. After they got them all going in the same direction, all but three or four would

drop back and return home. In those days the hogs were called Elmpeelers. They would peel a human being too if they got a chance, as many a fellow would testify back in those days.

Often they left the road or trail, and took the short cut through the woods, thereby saving every foot of ground possible on the long and tiresome journey. There were but few bridges then and the hog drivers had to swim the entire drove across the streams. They had to pick their way very carefully, often having to chop paths for their army of "Pork Chops."

It usually took ten days or two weeks to make the trip. The drove was stopped and penned up each night at some farm house or tavern. They were always glad to reach a tavern. The old swinging sign over the door always had a welcome written over them. The landlord was a hospitable fellow, and before they went in to eat, were invited to have a drink of grog to give them an appetite (which they already had.) They would sit in front of the tavern, if the weather permitted, and listen for the horns of the stage coach drivers arriving and departing.

Sometimes it happened during the winter drives, a thaw would come, they would have to pen the drove until the roads were fit for moving again. When they reached their destination they would deliver the hogs and return home, walking the entire distance in three or four days.

WHITELAND, IND., AUGUST 10, 1899.

War Department, Adjutant General's Office:

Dear Sir: I would be pleased to have the war record of one John Robards who was in the Continental Army from Goochland county, Virginia, during the Revolutionary War.

Yours Respectfully,

JAMES H. ROBARDS,

R. R. 14

Whiteland, Indiana.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 12, 1899.

Respectfully returned to Mr. James H. Robards, R. R. No. 14, Whiteland, Indiana.

The name of John Robards has not been found on the records, on file in this office, of any organization of Virginia or Continental troops in service of the Revolutionary War.

It is suggested that some information bearing on the subject of inquiry can possibly be obtained from the Librarian of the Virginia State Library, at Richmond, or from the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

F. C. AINSWORTH,

The Adjutant General.

Adjutant General's Office, War Department, August 12, 1899.

VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY

RICHMOND, VA.

AUGUST 23, 1899.

Mr. James H. Robards, Whiteland, Ind.

My Dear Sir:—I have made a careful search of the Revolutionary records in this library for the name of John Robards and I regret to say that I have been unable to find it. I am

Very Truly Yours,

H. J. LIKENRODE,
Archivist.

H. R. McILWAINE,
State Librarian.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. D., APRIL 23, 1869.

Mr. James H. Robards, R. D. 14, Whiteland, Indiana.

Sir:—In reply to your letter received on the 7th instant, you are furnished the military history of William, Lewis, George, Jesse Robards who served in the Revolutionary War, and are advised that the Revolutionary War pension records fail to show that a claim was filed on account of the service of John Robards.

Very Respectfully,

V. WARNER,
Commissioner.

RECORD DIVISION.

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I. S. C. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Wid. File 581

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Rev. War

WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 7, 1900

Sir: In reply to your request of April 5, received April 7, 1900 for a statement of the military history of Lewis Robards a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you will find below the desired information as contained in his widow's application for pension on file in this Bureau.

Dates of Enlistm't or Ap- pointm't	Length of Service	Rank	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED		State
			Captain	Colonel	
May 1778	Dec. 1778	Private	Nathaniel Massie		Va.
May 1779	6 Months	Ensign	Edward Duke		
Jan 1, 1780	8 Months	2nd Lieut	Frederick Woodsen	Maj Thos Armstead	
Jan. 1781	Sept. 1781	Captain			

Battles engaged in, Was at Burning of Richmond and Skirmish near James River; at Siege of Yorktown, but discharged before the surrender.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Goochland county, Va.

Date of application for pension, Jan. 14, 1833. Her claim was allowed.

Age at date of application, born March 10, 1774.

Remarks: Soldier was son of Williams Robards by second wife—name not given. He married at Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28, 1792, Hannah W. Winn, daughter of James Winn. Soldier died April 15, 1844, in Bullitt county, Ky., where she died April 16, 1848, leaving the following children: Mortimer D., George L., James W., Alfred J. and Benjamin F., all of whom were alive in 1852.

Very Respectfully,

MR. JAMES H. ROBARDS,
Whiteland, Ind., R. D. 14.

V. WARNER,
Comptroller.

Sir: In reply to your request of April 5, received April 7, 1832, for a statement of the military history of George Robards, (pensioned as George Roberts), a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you will find below the desired information as contained in his application for pension on file in this Bureau.

Dates of Enlistment or Appointment	Length of Service	Rank	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED		State
			Captain	Lieut.	
Feb 4 1778	3 Years	Orderly Q M Sg't Com'sory Clerk to Wagon Master	Moses Hawkins John Robertson	Charles Lewis	Va.
April 1780	15 Months	Lieut.	Edmund Curd Larkin Smith	Lucas	
Early 1782	To End of War	Captain			

Battles engaged in, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouths Stony Point and Camden.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, enlisted in Goochland county, Va.

Date of application for pension, July 9, 1832.

Residence at date of application, Mercer county, Ky., from 1781.

Age at date of application, not stated.

Remarks: His claim was allowed. Brother Jesse (W. file 3502) testified in the case; no other data as to family.

For date of soldier's death and name of person to whom the arrears of his pension were paid, apply to the Auditor for the Interior Department U. S. Treasury Department citing the following claim: "George Roberts certificate 881 issued Oct. 20, 1832 under Act June 7, 1832 at the Kentucky Agency."

Very Respectfully,

MR. JAMES H. ROBARDS,
Whiteland, Ind., R. D. 14.

V. WARNER,
Commissioner.

RECORD DIVISION

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I. S. C. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Wid. File 8562

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Rev. War

WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 26, 1903.

Sir: In reply to your request of April 5, received April 7, 1903 for a statement of the military history of William Robards, Jr., a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you will find below the desired information as contained in his widow's application for pension on file in this Bureau.

Dates of Enlistm't or Ap-pointm't	Length of Service	Rank	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED		State
			Captain	Colonel	
May 1778	Dec. 1778	Orderly Sergeant	Nathaniel Massie	Lucas	Va.
Jan'y 1780	June 1780	Orderly Sergeant	Frederick Woodson	Lucas	
July 1780	Nov. or Dec. 1780	Commissary	Edmund Card *Lt. Geo. Robards	Lucas	
Jan 1, 1781	Aug 1781	Orderly Sergeant	*Lewis Robards	Lucas	

Was at Burning of Richmond and Skirmish near James River.

*Brothers of Soldier.

Battles engaged in, Camden.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Goochland Co., Va.

Date of application for pension, Jan'y. 21, 1833. Her claims were allowed.

Residence at date of application, Jessamine Co., Kentucky.

Age at date of application, 78 years in June 1833.

Remarks—Soldier married in Goochland County, Va., September 6, 1781, Elizabeth Lewis; he died November 18, 1823, and she died February 24, 1840, in Jessamine County, Ky. Soldier left following children: Nancy, wife of William Caldwell; William Robards, Snr's son; Robards, Rebekah, wife of Lewis Singleton; Kitty, wife of James McIlvey, and Otho Robards, who was born February 24, 1794.

Very Respectfully,

MR. JAMES H. ROBARDS.

Whiteland, Ind., R. R. 1.

V. WARNER.

Commissioner.

RECORD DIVISION

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I. S. C. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Wid. File 8563

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Rev. War

WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 26, 1909.

Sir: In reply to your request of April 5, received April 7, 1909 for a statement of the military history of Jesse Robards, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you will find below the desired information in his (and his widow's) application for file in this Bureau.

Dates of Enlistm't or Apptm't	Length of Service	Rank	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED		State
			Captain	Colonel	
Oct. 1778	4 Months	Sergeant	Elisha Leak	Taylor	Va.
Dec. 1779	4 Months	Sergeant	Edward Duke	Taylor	
Jany 1781	10 Months	Sergeant	Frederick Woodson	Charles Fleming	
				Nathaniel Morris	

Battles engaged in, was at burning of Richmond and skirmish below that place, in July 1781.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Goochland county, Va.

Date of application for pension, Aug. 20, 1832. His claim was allowed.

Residence at date of application, Garrard county, Kentucky.

Age at date of application, born April 19, 1762 in Goochland county, Va.

Remarks—Soldier married in Louisa county, Va., January 21, 1788 Francis Ann b., June 21, 1767 daughter of Joseph Perkins. Soldier died Dec. 22, 1845, and his widow was allowed pension on an application executed March 6, 1848 while a resident of Mercer county, Ky.

Children—Thomas b., Aug. 15, 1789; Robert b., Aug. 21, 1791; Nancy b., May 4, 1793; Elizah b., June 6, 1795; Joseph b., Aug. 31, 1797; Kitty b., January 16, 1799; Ellender b., Oct. 9, 1800; Francis A. b., Nov. 15, 1802; Jefferson b., January 28, 1804; Jesse b., —, 1808; Polly b., Sept. 15, 1810 and John b., Oct. 25, 1812.

Very Respectfully,

MR. JAMES H. ROBARDS
Whiteland, Indiana, R. D. 14.

T. WARNER.
Captain General.

SETTLEMENT OF WILLIAM ROBARDS, SR.,

WILLIAM ROBARDS, SR., (PAGE 8.)

The estate of the late William Robards, deceased, in account with George Robards, executor.

To sundry payments as per paper No. 102, herewith inclosed with the vouchers and mutual consent of all the different legatees shall pass as herein stated -	£ S d 1347 4 11½ 298 19 00½
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No balance in executor's hands

	£ S d	
To William Robards 1-10 of said balance	29 17 11½	
To John Robards heirs "	29 17 11½	
To Jane Mosby "	29 17 11½	
To Lewis Robards "	29 17 11½	
To Geo. Robards "	29 17 11½	
No. 3 To Jessie Robards "	29 17 11½	
To Joseph Robards "	29 17 11½	
To Sally Jouett "	29 17 11½	
To Betty Lewis Buckner heirs "	29 17 11½	
To Robt. Robards heirs "	27 17 11½	278 19 6½
To Lewis Robards 1-7 of amount of said negroes	137 7 1½	
To George Robards " "	137 7 1½	
To Jessie Robards " "	137 7 1½	
No. 4 To Sally Jouett " "	137 7 1½	
To Joseph Robards " "	137 7 1½	
To Betty Lewis Buckner " "	137 7 1½	
To Robert Robards " "	137 7 1½	901 19 9½
To Wm. Robards 1-10 of am't of said negroes	59 15 2½	
To John Robards " "	59 15 2½	
To Jane Mosly " "	59 15 2½	
To Lewis Robards " "	59 15 2½	
To George Robards " "	59 15 2½	
No. 5 To Jessie Robards " "	59 15 2½	
To Joseph Robards " "	59 15 2½	
To Sally Jouett " "	59 15 2½	
To Betty Lewis Buckner " "	59 15 2½	
To Robert Robards " "	59 15 2½	597 12½

1783-'84 and '85.

By cash derived of several persons	1010 4 0½
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As for paper No. 3 herewith enclosed amounting to	1010 4 0½
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By balance due as per contract equally divided amongst legatees entitled thereto	298 19 0½
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Agreeable to the will of the deceased by sundry slaves sold to wit: Sally and child, James, Dick, Judy, Simon, Bob, Nancy, Patty and Sam. amounting in whole to

\$3205 as per act No. 4, are equally divided
among the children of the last wife agree-
able to said decedants will as per contract. 901 19

By sundry negroes sold to wit: Anthony,
George, Esther, Betty, Mary, Jenny, Peter,
Frances and Sarah, amounting in the whole
to \$1992 as per act No. 5 597 12
and are equally divided the legatees agree-
able to the decedants will as per contract

We the subscribers pursuant to an order of the worshipped court
of Mercer County to us directed, have carefully examined the papers
and vouchers to us shown by the Executors of the Estate of the late
William Robards, deceased, and have settled the accounts as above
stated agreeable thereto with the mutual consent and approbation of
the Legatees and made division according to the will of the deceased.
Given under our hand the 14th day of December, 1805.

JOSHUA FRYE,
G. THOMPSON,
EDW. WORTHINGTON,
THOMAS FREEMAN,
Commissioners.

Mercer County)
January Court 1805) Set

The foregoing report was exhibited into court and ordered to be
recorded.

A Copy

Att: THO. ALLEN, CLK.
Att: W. J. PENCE, CLK. M. C. C.
By GEO. F. ROBARDS, D. C.

ROBERT ROBARDS' SETTLEMENT

ROBERT ROBARDS (PAGE 10)

Robards The Estate of the late Robbert Robards, deed, in account
Robert with George Robards, administrator.

		£	s	d
Inventory				
1789	To cash per voucher No. 1	8	12	3 ¹
Sept.	To " " No. 2		11	8
	To " " No. 3			
	To ballance due	373	6	6 ¹
		385	19	4

WHOLE BLOOD

		£	s	d
Dec. 14,	To his mother Eliza Robards 1-9	41	9	7
1805	of the ballance due as per contra	41	9	7
	To Lewis Robards	41	9	7
	To George Robards	41	9	7
	To Jessie Robards	41	9	7
	To Joseph Robards	41	9	7
	To Sally Jouett	41	9	7
	To Betty Lewis Buckner	41	9	7

HALF BLOOD

	To William Robards $\frac{1}{2}$ share	20	14	9 ¹
	To John Robards heirs $\frac{1}{2}$ share	20	14	9 ¹
	To James Robards	20	14	9 ¹
	To Jane Mosley	20	14	9 ¹
	To Wm. Robards heirs $\frac{1}{2}$ share	5	8	5 ¹
	To John Robards	5	8	5 ¹
	To James Robards	5	8	5 ¹
	To Jane Mosly	5	8	5 ¹
	To Lewis Robards	5	8	5 ¹
	To George Robards	5	8	5 ¹
	To Jessie Robards	5	8	5 ¹
	To Joseph Robards	5	8	5 ¹
	To Sally Jouett	5	8	5 ¹
	To Betty Lewis Buckner	5	8	5 ¹

1795	By 150 acres land Nath Massie	54		
	At £ 45 per hundred acres	67	10	
	By my land	43		
	By cash per Joseph Robards	45		
	By report of £ 298, 19, 6 ¹ , division of fathers estate	29	17	21 9-10
	By 1-7 part of his share of negroes belonging to the younger children. Am't £ 9, 61, 10, divided according to will	137	7	10
	By 1-10 part £ 597, 12, his share of negroes according to will	59	15	2 ¹
		345	10	

1805	By ballance due £ 373, 6, 4½ to	
Dec. 14	be divided as the law directs between his mother, brothers and sisters as per contra	373 6 4½
	By stock sold and divided in lieu of the farming utensils to wife by will to Robert Robards and unanimously agreed by all the legacies to be equally divided among the whole generation on the whole as per account No. 6	373 6 4½
	Lodged with the papers of the estate of William Robards, dec'd, to divide as per contra. George Robards representing two of the legacies to wit: The heirs of John and James Robards.	

We the subscribers pursuant to an order of the worshipped court of Mercer county to as directed have carefully examined the papers to us produced by the admr of Robert Robards, dec'd, and have settled the same as in the above act stated and have divided the same according to law. Given under our hands the 14 day of December 1805.

JOSHUA FRYE,

EDWARD WORTHINGTON,

THOMAS FREEMAN,

Commissioners.

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By GEO. F. ROBARDS, D. C.

NAME	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE
Alfred Robards, - - - -	Songho,	Dayless,	Ky.
John Douglas Robards - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Wm. G. Robards, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Emmett F. Robards, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Z. Frank Robards, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Emma W. (Robards) Blankship, - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Sarah V. T. (Robards) Whitman, - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Laura T. Robards, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Douglas K. Robards, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Batrecia (Robards) Traub, - - - -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Estell Robards, - - - -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Martin John Robards, - - - -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Keron Thomas Robards, - - - -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Margret L. (Robards) - - - -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Eliza (Robards) Ridgway, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Rebecca (Robares) Ridgway, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Wm. Huston Robards, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
John Franklin Robards, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Wm. Edmond Robards, - - - -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Mary A. (Robards) Bouvier, - - - -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Bertha O. (Robards) Forsyth, - - - -	Ashland,	Boyd,	Ky.
Davidanna (Robards) Highfield, - - - -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Jefferson Robards, - - - -	Harrodsburg,	Merren,	Ky.
George Wm. Robards, - - - -	Harrodsburg,	Merren,	Ky.
George Frances Robards,- - - -	Harrodsburg,	Merren,	Ky.
Dr. John B. Robards, - - - -	Harrodsburg,	Merren,	Ky.
Mrs. Lizzie (Robards) Mitchell, - - - -	Harrodsburg,	Merren,	Ky.
Nathaniel T. Robards, - - - -	Marion,	Boyd,	Ky.
Susan L. (Robards) Briscoe, - - - -	Mitchellsburg,	Wayne,	Ky.
Miss Lillian Robards, - - - -	Madisonville,	Henderson,	Ky.
Bernard Robards,- - - -	Madisonville,	Henderson,	Ky.
Mrs. Ella M. Robards, 1428 Debar St. -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Marion Addinon Robards, - - - -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Miss Marie Robards, - - - -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Mrs. Margaret Robards, 1411 Dukers Ave. -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Maggie (Robards) May, 331 21st St. Griffith Av.	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Stewart Robards, - - - -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Mrs. Elizabeth Robards, 309 Columbie St. -	Louisville,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Wm. Blair Robards, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Bettie W. Robards, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Mrs. Ella M. Bishop, - - - -	Shepherdsville,	Bullitt,	Ky.
Mrs. Katie Robards, - - - -	Winches,	Jefferson,	Ky.
Mrs. Margaret A. Beeles, - - - -	Okolona,	R. R. S. Coleraine,	Ky.
Anna (Davis) Sabin, - - - -	Columbus,	Union,	Ky.

NAME	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE
Joseph Davis,	-	-	Columbus, Hickman, Ky.
John Milton Robards,	-	-	Fulton, R. R. 3, Callaway, Mo.
Lizzie Lewis (Robards) Wallace,	-	-	Fulton, R. R. 3, Callaway, Mo.
Mrs. Nannie Robards,	-	No. 6 Rugby Place,	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
Dr. Younger P. Robards,	-	4234 Arco Avenue,	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
Elia Pitts (Robards) Moody,	-	-	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
William Otho Robards,	-	-	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
Bourne Rogers Robards,	-	-	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
George Caldwell Robards,	-	-	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
Maggie Eliza (Robards) Millis, Normandy,	-	-	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. Sallie R. Ford,	-	Station 19, Seventh St.	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
John Lewis Robards,	-	-	Hannibal, Marion, Mo.
Mrs. Robert S. Grable, 4957 1-2 Fountain Ave,	-	-	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. Hannah D. Pittman, 4923 Washington Ave.	-	-	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
Maggie Bell (Robards) Cromwell,	-	-	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
Mary Ann Robards,	-	1829 East 7th St.	Kansas City, Jackson, Mo.
Mrs. Katie S. Conley,	-	-	Columbia, Boone, Mo.
Mrs. Elizabeth (Robards) Clark,	-	-	Columbia, Boone, Mo.
Edmund Randolph Robards,	-	-	St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
Frank Robards,	-	-	Mexico, Andrew, Mo.
Mary Florence (Robards) Williams,	-	-	Tyrone, Poinsett, Ark.
Anna Harris (Robards) Wooten,	-	-	Tyrone, Poinsett, Ark.
Carrie Elizabeth (Robards) Hollins,	-	-	Vineyard, Lee, Ark.
Joseph Ward Robards,	-	-	Vineyard, Lee, Ark.
Oba Minnie Robards,	-	-	Vineyard, Lee, Ark.
Luther Monroe Robards,	-	-	Clarksdale, Coahoma, Miss.
Josephine F. (Robards) Patterson,	-	-	Yazoo City, Yazoo, Miss.
Lena G. Robards,	-	-	Clarksdale, Coahoma, Miss.
Willie Cooper Robards,	-	-	Clarksdale, Coahoma, Miss.
John Ward Robards,	-	-	Clarksdale, Coahoma, Miss.
Otho G. Robards,	-	-	Camden, Camden, New Jersey.
John A. Robards,	-	-	Olney, McDonald, Ill.
William Taylor Robards,	-	-	Mason, Effingham, Ill.
Jesse C. Robards,	-	-	Mason, Effingham, Ill.
John F. Robards,	-	-	Alfordville, Lincoln, Ind.
Wm. Lee Robards,	-	-	Portland, R. R. 1, Jay, Ind.
John Donald Robards,	-	-	Kokomo, Howard, Ind.
Joseph Robards,	-	-	Kokomo, Howard, Ind.
Lizzie (Robards) Miller,	-	-	Kokomo, Howard, Ind.
Lulu (Robards) Jackson,	-	-	Kokomo, Howard, Ind.
Zeralda (Robards) Ransdell,	-	-	Franklin, Johnson, Ind.
John Alexander Robards,	-	-	Franklin, R. R. 2, Johnson, Ind.
Wm. Edward Robards,	-	-	Bargersville, Johnson, Ind.
Wm. Henry Robards,	-	-	Franklin, R. R. 2, Johnson, Ind.

NAME	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE
Catherine E. (Robards) Utterback,	-	Franklin, R. R. 2,	Johnson, Ind.
Mary J. (Robards, Powell) McClain,	-	Franklin, R. R. 2,	Johnson, Ind.
James Oscar Robards,	-	Whiteland, R. R. 14,	Johnson, Ind.
Wm. Thomas Robards,	-	-	Knox, Starke, Ind.
Wm. Barney Robards,	-	-	Judson, Parke, Ind.
Dr. Ezra E. Robards,	-	-	Shelburn, Sullivan, Ind.
Eli Robards,	-	-	Burlington, Carroll, Ind.
Mary Emma (Robards) Butler,	-	-	Ellettsville, Adams, Ind.
Arthusa (Robards) Doty,	-	Franklin, R. R. 2,	Johnson, Ind.
Hulda M. (Robards) Moore,	-	-	Alfordsville, Daviess, Ind.
Robert A. Robards,	-	-	Alfordsville, Daviess, Ind.
Florida N. (Robards) Allen,	-	-	Alfordsville, Daviess, Ind.
Rett A. Robards,	-	-	Alfordsville, Daviess, Ind.
Marshall Robards,	-	-	Jeffersonville, Clark, Ind.
Estella (Robards) McCarty,	-	-	Jeffersonville, Clark, Ind.
Rachel (Robards) Christy,	-	-	Jeffersonville, Clark, Ind.

A LETTER.

To the Descendants of John Robards, Colonist-Planter:

Probably you have received a letter from me which announced the purport and purpose of my great undertaking. I wish through this letter to express my most grateful acknowledgment for generous assistance and kindly interest expressed by those to whom my previous letters were addressed. If any shall read this work and fail to find their names (for there are many) in the Robards genealogy, I will be pleased to hear from them. I will gladly answer your inquiries, and give you any information in my power. Remember all the mistakes are not mine as I have all your letters carefully put away.

Tell me all about your family, your ancestry, etc. As to my motive, it is simply to have the honor of writing our family history. Our family is one of the oldest and most honorable in the United States. The first generations in the United States were men of peace, busily engaged in making homes for themselves and their posterity, and educating their children. Yet were they brave, and many of them were good soldiers in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Mexican War, and in 1861 to 1865. This family now scattered to nearly every State in the Union still retained the courage to fight for what they thought was right; hence the sad spectacle of a great family, about equally divided, fighting against each other according to the State in which they happened to be living when the war broke out.

Remember in writing to me you place yourself under no obligation to buy a book, but it is I who will be obliged to you for information. I will be satisfied

to dispose of enough books to pay for the cost of printing. The honor of the work is all that I ask or expect for my five years of labor. It has required five years to compile this (uncompleted) work. You must not expect to digest it or fully understand it in five minutes or five hours. It may require five weeks or months. Each time you take the book up you will find something new, and when once thoroughly understood it will be as plain as "two times two equals four." Remember, PATIENCE—if you have the patience to search for it.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES H. ROBARDS.

Whiteland, Indiana.

(The end.)

Lineage

1. John RoBards. colonist. planter. His wife, Sarah Hill. 1710-1755.

2. William RoBards. Sr., militia lieutenant, 1734. A member of committee of safety in 1783. His second wife, Elizabeth Lewis. 1757-1783.

3. Jesse RoBards. Revolutionary War 1770-1780. His wife, Francis Ann Perkins. 1762-1845.

4. Thomas O. RoBards. War of 1812. A farmer. His wife, Nancy Combs. 1789-1866.

5. Landen RoBards. Farmer. His wife, Emma S. Combs. 1826-1895.

6. James H. RoBards. Farmer. His wife, Ursula J. Dorrell. 1866-

7. James Oscar RoBards. 1894-

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Bottom of page 26. "His widow was allowed a pension Jan. 14, 1839. She was born March 10, 1774, died April 16, 1848, age 74 years, one month and six days."

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APPENDA

William J. Robards Family

William J. Robards (Page 25) born 1798, in Louisville, Ky. Died in Shawneetown, Ill., 1847. Was twice married. First wife was Martha Davison, married April 27, 1820. Had two children. One son, Archibald Robards, who died at 14 years of age by a kick from a pet pony. Elizabeth Robards, born 1822, married a steamboat captain named "Frame."

His second wife was Eliza Lee. The license was issued in Bullitt county, Kentucky, September 28, 1826. To them were born three daughters, viz: Martha Anna, Mary Attaway and Margaret Jennette Robards.

1. Martha Anna Robards, born July 18, 1829, in Louisville, Ky., died August 6, 1910. She was married to H. S. Carson in St. Louis, Mo., December 17, 1846. To them were born eleven children, viz:

1. William Thomas Carson, born in St. Louis, Mo., September 5, 1847, died in Springfield, Mo., September 6, 1903, married Fannie Brashears, November 10, 1877.

2. Henry K. Carson, born in Jacksonville, Ill., January 9, 1849, died September 2, 1849.

3. Nettie E. Carson, born in Jacksonville, Ill., December 16, 1850. She lives in Springfield, Mo., and "is single."

4. Oliver N. Carson, born in St. Louis, Mo., January, 1852. Married Mary McReynolds in Greenfield, Mo., March 7, 1879.

5. Mollie E. Carson, born in St. Louis, Mo., July 1, 1854. Married Ellis Paxson of Finley, O., at Springfield, Mo., October 10, 1877.

6. Olevia A. Carson, born in St. Louis, Mo., January 27, 1858. Married to John H. Duncan of Kentucky, a lawyer, in Springfield, Mo., June 7, 1877.

7. Josch L. Carson, born in St. Louis, Mo., September 22, 1861. Died January 10, 1862.

8. Thornton Beauregard Carson, born in St. Louis, Mo., 1863.

9. Harry Lee Carson, born in Springfield, Mo., October 30, 1867. Married Lulu Clark of Springfield, December 19, 1901.

10. Myrtle F. Carson, born in Springfield, Mo., January 2, 1871. Married to William B. Burks of Russellville, Ky., September 19, 1889, in Springfield, Mo.

11. Lillie May Carson, born in St. Louis, Mo., April 19, 1865. Died March 3, 1866.

H. S. Carson was born November 20, 1819, in Front Royal County, Virginia. Died in Springfield, Mo., in his ninetieth (90) year. He fought under Zachary Taylor in the Mexican war. Returning from the war he went to California in 1849, returning in two years. He heard Lincoln and Douglass in their joint debate in 1858, in Alton, Illinois. His early life was spent in Jacksonville, Ill., and in the early forties he removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he lived most of the time until he moved to Springfield, Mo., in 1867.

2. Mary Attaway Robards, born in Louisville, Ky., August 27, 1832. Died May 21, 1904, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Edminster, near Kirbyville, Tany county, Missouri. She was educated in a convent at Louisville, but left the Catholic church and became a member of the Episcopal church. She was married in St. Louis, Mo., to Andrew L. Whitley, to this union nine children were born, three died in youth, David R., Montifier, Andrew L., William P., Harry T., Ada (Whitley) Edminster.

Mrs. Whitley was a descendant from the famous Lee family, on her mother's side being a second cousin of Robert E. Lee.

(Margaret Jennette Robards Family.)

3. Margaret Jennette Robards, born in Louisville, Kentucky, January 7, 1833. Died May 9, 1868, at Linneus, Missouri. David Irvin Stephenson born in St. Charles county, Missouri, August 14, 1829. Died February 10 1901, at Linneus, Missouri.

Dr. David Irvin Stephenson and Miss Margaret Jennette Robards were married in St. Louis county, Missouri, September 18, 1850. To them were born eight children viz:

1. William Thomas Stephenson born in St. Louis, Missouri, November 18, 1851, married Anna Lee Clark, November 3, 1878. Have two sons. Bret Hart Stephenson, married Mabel Kieth and David Irvin Stephenson married Miss ——— Abernathy

2. Mary Eliza Stephenson born in St. Louis, Missouri, October 20, 1853, married to James M. Shaefer, October 15, 1874. Have two sons. Harry Irvin Shaefer born May 13, 1876, married Jessie Pierce, December 26, 1906. Clyde Harmon Shaefer born March 16, 1878.

3. Lillie Stephenson, born in St. Louis, Missouri, April 7, 1856, died July 22, 1859, in North Salem, Mo.

4. Attaway Stephenson born in North Salem, Missouri, June 12, 1858; married Samuel J. Foreman of Paris, Missouri, June 26, 1876. He was born September 11, 1852. To this union were born three sons viz:

1. James Irvin Foreman born April 22, 1877, Elizabeth Cleo Maize, born April 24, 1888, were married December 24, 1903. Mildred Lee Foreman born May 25, 1909

2. Hardy Stephenson Foreman born January 17, 1879. Mabel Evelyn Nelson born July 9, 1881, were married December 25, 1900. Have three sons. Montague La Fon Foreman born August 24, 1903. Lawrence Stephenson Foreman born September 4, 1905. Horace Nelson Foreman born January 11, 1911.

3. Clarence Montague Forman born January 11, 1881. Anna Washington Erving born October 1, 1889. They were married October 1, 1907. Have two sons. Ranson Erving Forman, born August 16, 1908. Beverly Montague Forman, born November 21, 1910.

5. Alfred Stephenson born in North Salem, Missouri, February 19, 1860. Died in Enterprise, Missouri, March 4, 1862.

6. John Pittman Stephenson born near Enterprise, Missouri, January 1, 1862. Married Minnie S. Presser, January 5, 1887. Have four children, viz: Hermia Stephenson. Married ——— Kenedy. John Pittman, David and Margaret Stephenson.

7. Nicholas Peyton Stephenson born in Linneus, Missouri, December 16, 1863, single.

8. Margaret Stephenson born in Linneus, Missouri, November 19, 1865. Married Peter Thompson Abell, July 12, 1884. Have one son, Cecil Thompson Abell, born December 1, 1890.

(To her we are under obligations for the records of Wm. J. Robards and descendants.)

